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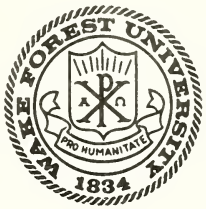

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MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Eastern Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

MOORE'S CREEK,

OCTOBER, 3—4, 1865.

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PROCEEDINGS.

Moore's Creek, New Hanover County.
Tuesday, October 3, 1865.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. E. King, from 1st Cor. 15: 25.

After an intermission of half an hour, the Association was called to order by Owen Fennell, Moderator. Elder G. S. Best read the 19th Psalm and offered prayer. A majority of the churches being represented, proceeded to organize.

The Pastor and Deacons of the church, and Joel Hines were appointed a committee on Religious exercises.

S. J. Faison and C. H. Smith were appointed Assistant Clerks.

A. Royal, C. P. Moore and L. Highsmith were appointed committee of Finance.

The letters from the churches called for, and read. The letters from Wilmington, Mt. Zion, and Mt. Olive, laid on the table.

The letters from Piney Grove [Jones county] and Shiloh, referred to Executive committee.

The letter from Lebanon, referred to committee on Obituaries.

On motion, proceeded to election of officers:

Brethren D. K. Kornegay and J. D. Carroll were appointed Tellers for the election of Moderator; Laban Carroll and C. V. Hines for the election of Treasurer; S. J. Faison and J. S. Newton, for the election of Clerk. Owen Fennell was re-elected Moderator, S J. Faison elected Treasurer, and Isham Royal re elected Clerk.

The order of business was amended by inserting, after the word organization, "Call for Petionary letters."

Letters were read from the churches at Jacksonville and Pleasant Hill, Onslow county, and the church at Tuckahoe, Jones county, asking for admittance into this body. They were all received and the Moderator extended the right

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hand of fellowship to the representatives of said churches.

The following committees were appointed:

Committee on the Spiritual condition of the Churches—Elders Stallings, Kennedy and Best.

To nominate Executive Committee—Joel Hines, J. L. Boykin, and H. S. Averett.

Committee on Obituaries—Elders Stallings and Kennedy and brethren S. J. Faison and D. J. Middleton.

Committee to nominate Trustees of Warsaw High School—Brethren A. Royal, J. D. Carroll and C. V. Hines.

Committee on Sabbath Schools—G. S. Best, C. P. Moore and T. O. Kelly.

Committee on Religious Publications—Elders J. E. King and L. F. Williams, and brother D. K. Kornegay.

On Ministerial Support—Brethren S. J. Faison, A. Royal and J. T Newton.

On Foreign Missions—Elder J. B. Barlow and brethren B. Oliver and D. T. Bland.

Committee to report on Letters from Wilmington and other Churches in regard to Colored Members—Elders Stallings, Williams, Kennedy, Barlow, and brother B. Oliver.

Committee on religious exercises submitted the following: Meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock; preaching at 10 o'clock, by Elder J. N. Stallings.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Benediction by Elder Stallings.

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 4th, 9 o'clock.

Association met. Reading Scriptures and prayer by Elder King.

Constitution and rules of Decorum read.

Roll called and absentees noted.

Minutes of yesterday read. Letters from Rileys' Creek, Bethlehem, Chinquepin and Union Chapel read. Letter from Union Chapel laid on the table.

Corresponding and visiting brethren invited to seats.

Brother C. M. Sewell announced himself as a visitor from the Sandy Creek Association.

A letter was read from the Cedar Creek Association.

Elder L. F. Williams and brethren J. M. Wooten and B. Mathews were appointed a committee on Education.

Committee to Audit Account of Treasurer of Association. Brethen J. M. Wooten, C. V. Hines.

To Audit Account of Treasurer of Executive Committee. Elder W. M. Kennedy and brother H. S. Averitt.

Committee on spiritual condition of the churches reported, recommending that the Clerk be instructed to append to the minutes, a brief synopsis of the state of churches.

Committee to nominate Executive committee, reported the following: Brethren B. Oliver, C. D. Ellis, L. Highsmith, L. Carroll, D. J. Middleton, H. E. Carr, and J. H. Stevens.

Committee to nominate Trustees of Warsaw High School reported. Report received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE TRUSTEES OF WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL.

B. Oliver, A. W. Carlton, J. D. Carroll, J. L. Stewart, Lewis Carroll, J. N. Stallings, S. J. Faison, J. W. Swinson, O. Alderman, Joel Loftin, L. Highsmith, J. M. Wooten, Wm. H. Smith, G. S. Best, Joel Hines, D. K. Kornegay, G. W. Carroll, R. R. Bell, O. Fennell, sr., J. P. Faison. J. T. Moore, H. McAlpin, A. Guy, D. J. Middleton, J. H. Stevens, A. M. Faison, A. J. Daniel, W. M. Kennedy, H. E. Carr, O. M. Mathews. Respectfully submitted,

A. ROYAL,
C. V. HINES,
J. D. CARROLL,
} Committee.

Committee on Religious Publications reported. Referred back to committee for amendment, and S. J. Faison added to committee.

Committee on that portion of the letters from Wilmington and other churches relating to colored members reported: received and adopted.

REPORT ON COLORED MEMBERSHIP.

Your committee, to whom was referred that portion of the letters from Wilmington and other churches concerning colored membership, beg leave to submit the following:

We commend to imitation the example of the church at Wilmington in organizing into a separate church her colored members when it is practicable; but we think its practicability very questionable in most, if not in all of our country churches, and therefore recommend that those colored members, who have and still prove worthy, be retained by the churches. We would earnestly impress upon the churches and ministers of the Association, the duty of using every effort for the moral and religious improvement of the race; and that they unhesitatingly receive them into fellowship, when satisfied with their experiences of grace.

We, at the same time, recommend that each church arraign, and, unless satis-

factory evidences of penitence are given, promptly exclude those who have proved unfaithful to the relations they sustain to their church and to their former masters while that relation existed. Respectfully,

J. N. STALLINGS, Chm'n.

Committee on Sabbath schools reported. Received. Pending the consideration of the report, called off half an hour.

ONE O'CLOCK, P. M.

Re-assembled.

The report on Sabbath schools was discussed by several brethren, who urged the importance of the subject upon all the churches. Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Feeling assured of the great importance of Sabbath schools in all the churches of this Association, your committee would respectfully offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Pastors and Delegates of this body use every available effort in their power to establish Sabbath schools in all churches where there are none.

Respectfully submitted, COMMITTEE.

Committee on Obituaries reported: received and adopted.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Your committee on Obituaries submit the following:

Profound gratitude is due to Almighty God for the fact that no minister of the Association has died during the past year. But we are called upon to mourn the loss of some of our most efficient lay brethren, including several deacons.—Among them, most prominent of whom, is our lamented brother, the late Capt. John W. Taylor, of Lebanon church. We append a brief account of this brother's life and efficient services, taken from the letter from his church, as a part of our report.

Brother Robert Eakens, a deacon of the church at Shiloh, has died during the year.

Brother M. J. Taylor, an exemplary and efficient christian, for a long time an active member of the Executive committee, fell mortally wounded upon the bloody battle-field at Bentonsville, in our State.

Brother J. R. Ezzell, clerk of the church at New Hope, an active christian and benevolent man, died last spring while absent from his church and family in the army.

Brother Thos. O. Carroll, clerk of the church at Mt. Holly, fell upon the blood-stained soil of Virginia, in the very last hours of the fierce and sanguinary conflict through which we have just passed. He was a promising young brother, and his church expected much of him, but God has taken him.

There may be others whom your committee should mention; if so, their names have not been remembered or presented. We deeply sympathize with their bereaved churches and families, and tender them our heart-felt condolence.

Repectfully, J. N. STALLINGS, Chm'n.

Brief Sketch of Capt. J. W. TAYLOR'S *Life, taken from the Letter from Lebanon Church:*

"Our own church and the Association are alike called upon to mourn the loss of brother J. W. Taylor, a truly beloved and exemplary deacon of our church.

in his life was illustrated the pious, zealous, and energetic christian. Indeed, in all the relations he bore to his family, his church, and country, he might be pointed to as a man of inestimable worth. Brother Taylor brought a letter from Concord church, Duplin county, A. D., 1850, and in September of the same year, he applied for admission into the church at Lebanon. He was gladly received, and immediately elected clerk, in which capacity he diligently served the church until the 4th Sunday in Febuary, A. D. 1859, when he was elected Deacon and consented to assume this new responsibility. In this office he promptly and faithfully discharged every obligation, which his duties as citizen and soldier permitted, and still bearing its sacred investment, he received a mortal wound, whilst commanding his battalion in an engagement between the Northern and Southern forces at Bentonsville, in this State, March 19th, A. D. 1865. Only the briefest reference can here be had to this most exemplary christian, valued citizen, and gallant soldier. May the incense of his glowing prayers still linger about the court of Heaven, eliciting, through Christ, the continued favors of a benign Providence upon his sorrowing family, until they too shall be gathered and united with him in that celestial circle where parting is no more."

Executive committee reported. Report received and made the special order to-morrow at 9 o'clock.

The following committees were appointed:

To nominate Delegates to Baptist State Convention—Brethren A. Royal, C. V. Hines, D. K. Kornegay.

To nominate Ministers to preach the Introductory, Missionary, and Denominational Sermons at next Session—B. Oliver, J. M. Wooten, J. L. Boykin.

To nominate Corresponding Delegates to Sister Associations—H. S. Averitt, Laban Carroll, J. D. Carroll.

The letter from Union Chapel [asking for the next session of Association,] called up. Agreed to hold the next session with the church at Union Chapel, Onslow county.

J. D. Hufham's account [$90] for printing the minutes of last session, was presented. On motion, the Pastors were requested to lay the matter before their respective churches, collect the amount and forward to the clerk of the Association as early as possible. The sum of $23.60 was collected and handed to the Clerk.

The committee to nominate preachers for next session, reported the following:

To preach the Introductory Sermon—Elder W. M. Kennedy.
Alternate—Elder H. McAlpin.
To preach the Missionary Sermon—Elder W. M. Young.
Alternate—Elder J. B. Barlow.
Denominational Sermon—Elder J. L. Stewart.
Alternate—Elder J. N. Stallings.

Committee to nominate Delegates to Sister Associations reported the following:

Sandy Creek—Elders W. M. Kennedy, G. S. Best and brother B. Oliver.

Cedar Creek—Elders Kennedy and Stallings and brethren B. Oliver and S. J. Faison.

Cape Fear—Elders Faison and King, and brother C. V. Hines.

Pamlico—Elders E. A. Best and L. F. Williams, and brethren J. M. Wooten and H. E. Carr.

Resolved, That any member of this Association who may be present at the meetings of any bodies, with which we correspond, be authorized to represent us as delegates.

At three and a half o'clock the Association gave place for the meeting of the Union Relief Society.

FOUR-AND-A-HALF O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Association resumed business.

Report from Warsaw High School read, received and adopted.

WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL.

To the Trustees of Warsaw High School:

DEAR BRETHREN:—We are sorry to inform you that your school is not so flourishing as last year, there being at present only twenty-seven scholars and one teacher. We had a very good school in the Spring, but were compelled to suspend on the 17th of March, on account of the presence of the U. S. troops.

The number of students during the year has been sixty.

It is unnecessary for your Principal to re-count the causes of this falling off, as all are painfully acquainted with the circumstances.

The prospect before us would not justify us in employing a music teacher the present session, but it is our intention to secure the services of a competent and experienced teacher for the next year, when we expect to give instruction in all the branches heretofore taught in this school.

The present session will close the 21st of December. The next will commence the last Monday in January, 1866.

Asking an interest in your prayers for the success of the school, we are yours in Christ. ISHAM ROYALL, Principal.

Warsaw, September 29, 1865.

Committee on devotional exercises submitted the following report:

Elder Barrett to preach at ten o'clock, Elder King to preach Missionary sermon at eleven-and-a-half o'clock.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Prayer and benediction by Elder J. P. Faison.

THURSDAY, Oct. 5, 1865.

Association convened pursuant to adjournment.

Devotional exercises by Elder Kennedy, who read the 35th chapter of Isaiah.

Roll called. Minutes of yesterday read.

Report of Executive committee being the special order of business, was taken up and after being ably discussed by several brethren, impressing on the members the necessity of supporting our Itinerants, was adopted.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your committee beg leave to submit the following:

We designed, in the beginning of the year, to enter more extensively into the work of Home Missions than ever before. In the prosecution of this design, we opened a correspondence with Elders King and Barlow, whom God, in His Providence, had raised up in the midst of the great spiritual destitution in Onslow county, for the purpose of getting them to labor under our direction; but owing to the derangement in the mails and the subsequent condition of the country, we did not perfect any arrangement with them. During the first part of the Associational year, we made appropriations for Chinquepin, Clinton, Smith's Chapel, Prospect and other weak churches; but since the occupancy by the U. S. troops, we have been unable to do any thing, what funds we had becoming worthless and not having received any funds since.

But notwithstand this, the work has gone on. Elder G. S. Best has continued to preach at Chinquepin; Elder Oliver at Prospect and Smith's Chapel; Elder Stewart at Clinton; and Elders King and Barlow in Onslow county, the former at Union Chapel and Jacksonville, the latter principally at Pleasant Hill and Bay M. H., Union Chapel, through the Divine blessing has become self-sustaining.—The other churches mentioned still need aid. Jacksonville and Pleasant Hill are new churches, having been constituted during the year, with every prospect of success. Bay M. H. is a preaching station, there being no constituted church at that place. We will further state, in this connection, that Elder Rhodes, of Jones county, has preached in that county, in which the greatest destitution prevails, there having been until recently but one regular Baptist Church in the entire county, viz: Piney Grove; but Elder Rhodes, assisted by Elder King, has constituted another, called Tuckahoe. This is an important point, but the church is weak and needs your fostering care.

Thus you see that God, in His abundant goodness, has, in the time of national gloom and adversity, blessed His cause and prospered His work amongst those people and in those sections which have given so much solicitude, upon which so much labor has been bestowed, and for which so many tears and prayers have been given. The day is dawning—the prospect is brightening, and your committee feel that devout thanks are due to Our Heavenly Father for His blessings, and that, with redoubled efforts and renewed energies, we should come up "to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty."

But your committee desires to remind the Association that vast destitution still prevails. A portion of Duplin, almost the whole of Onslow and Jones—to say nothing of large portions of Lenoir, Craven, and Carteret—are "sitting in the shadow of death." "Darkness covers the land, and gross darkness the people." All the churches mentioned, except Union Chapel, need contributions to enable them to have the regular and stated ministry of the Word.—There are other important points at which, with God's blessing, churches may be built up; while there is ample room for a dozen or more Itinerants, no heart should be lukewarm, no hand idle, in this great work God has committed to our trust. In the spirit of self-sacrifice and self-denial every one should come

up to the full measure of his duty; and if we will, soon "the wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose."

Your committee earnestly recommend greater consecration, on the part of the churches, in behalf of this prime work of the Association; and that the pastors stir up the brethren to self-denial in giving the means, with which God has and may bless them for this cause. Funds should be sent up regularly to the quarterly meetings of your committee, which is to be appointed, to enable them to carry on the work. We also recommend, that the pastors of the strong churches visit, at such times during the year as they can, the weak churches and preaching stations in the destitute and assist the brethren engaged there, in holding meetings and preaching the Gospel; and that the churches freely give their pastors for this purpose occasionally and encourage them to go.

B. OLIVER, Chm'n.]

The committee on Religious Publications reported.—Adopted.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS PUBLICATIONS.

Your committee respectfully ask to state, that we have heard with pleasure that the BIBLICAL RECORDER will soon be republished. It being the only denominational organ in this State, and recognizing it as edited by Elder J. D. Hufham, as a powerful agency for the furtherance of Christ's Kingdom among men: We therefore recommend every church in our Association, and especially the Pastors to use every effort in their power to sustain it.

Prior to the occupancy of the State by the U. S. forces, we had a Publication Board at Raleigh, Elder J. K. Howell, Publication Agent. We therefore recommend the churches to apply to him for S. S. books and literature; if it has been suspended, we recommend them to Rev. J. A. Broadus, at Greenville, S. C., or Elder A. E. Dickinson, Richmond, Virginia, both of whom are Agents for the Publication Boards of their respective States. We especially recommend the Child's Index, published by Rev. S. Boykin, Macon, Georgia, to every Sabbath School in our Association. In furtherance of the increased circulation of the BIBLICAL RECORDER]

Resolved, That each Church composing this Association, be requested to appoint some suitable member whose duty shall be to see that every family connected with his Church is provided with a copy.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. E. KING,
L. F. WILLIAMS,
D. K. KORNEGAY,
S. J. FAISON,
} Committee.

The committee on Ministerial Support reported. Received and adopted.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

The committee on Ministerial Support respectfully submit, that the Minister's profession is a most unfortunate one, regarded in the light of its pecuniary attractions. To denominate the pittance contributed by many—not very feeble churches—a salary for the Minister, reminds one at first impression more of burlesque than sober truth. The inquiry, too, occurs to the mind, is it the Divine will that the Minister shall look only to an eternal reward for his labors here? Do not the Scriptures plainly teach that his fellow-man is under obligations to aid in supplying him with the means of subsistence in this life? Does not the church and the world, alike, cast reproach upon him for embarking in speculative enterprises, in order to discharge his domestic obligations? Is it just, reasonable or consistent to dole out a few reluctant pennies, or positively

refuse to contribute a mite? Brethren, herein, then, is to be found a solemn appeal to your every heart, judgment and conscience, for work that should be begun this day, for reform, for the improvement of the churches in this matter. The Churches must begin this work. The world will often extend a helping hand when Christians will do their duty. Let your prayers continually ascend to a throne of Grace, to deliver the churches from covetousness and avarice, and as often to inspire them with that fervent charity which hides a multitude of sins. Let this be done, and soon the good fruits will be harvested, soon the Minister's household will be visited with solid comforts, and your own breasts cheered with the gratifying rewards of an approving conscience.

COMMITTEE.

Committee on Foreign Missions reported. Recieved and adopted.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee on Foreign Missions is at a loss to know what to report to your body, but from the present state of things, we do not see what more we can do than to make the subject of Foreign Missions an object of prayer to Almighty God, that He will still open new fields of labor and send faithful Ministers to occupy. We recommend the brethren of this Association, to labor to increase the Missionary spirit in our Churches, and as we have brethren in the foreign field laboring for the salvation of those poor, benighted heathens, that we do what we can for their support. Dear brethren, we are sorry that we have no statistics from which to make a report, but we do humbly pray that the brethren will renew their interest in this great and good cause, and we hope that the time is not far in the future, when we shall be able to do more for our Foreign Missions than ever we have done.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

COMMITTEE.

Committee on Education reported: received and adopted.

EDUCATION.

Your committee would respectfully submit that we have but few statistics from which to report, but we feel so deep an interest in the mental culture of the rising generation, that we cannot leave the subject without endeavoring to impress upon the minds of our brethren the great importance of fully educating their children, as the time has come when they must be educated. It behooves every man to use every effort possible to educate his children, if other things in life are neglected. While we are proud of the success of Warsaw school, we would take occasion to urge upon our brethren to do all in their power to add to the success of the school, by patronizing it by every effort in their power, and sustain brother Royal in his noble effort for the good our denomination, and building up and improving a healthy state of society, and making our children competent to enter upon the great stage of life, with credit to themselves.

COMMITTEE.

Committee to audit account of Treasurer of Association reported. Adopted.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF ASSOCIATION.

A. M. Faison, Treasurer, In act.,		Dr.
To am't. from old act.,		$105 85
Association fund, [1864]		618 08
Itinerant fund,		833 50
Army Colportage,		733 00
State Missions,		12 00
Foreign Missions,		27 00
Col. at B. Chapel [1864] Itinerant fund $295.33, Col'pt. $565.50		860 83
		$3,190 26
Cr. by am't. pd. Ex. Com.,	$1,128 50	
" " " " N. B. Cobb,	1,298 50	
" " " " I. Royal, Clerk,	100 00	
" " " " J. D. Hufham,	100 00	
On hand, worthless,	563 26	
		$3,190 26

Audited and found correct.
Respectfully submitted, COMMITTEE.

Committee to audit account of Treasurer of Executive Committee reported. Adopted.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

D. J. Middleton, Treasurer, In act.,		Dr.
1864. Cash on hand,		$ 25 50
" Received from A. M. Faison, Treasurer,		1,128 50
		$1,154 00
Cr. by am't. paid J. P. Faison,	$112 50	
" " " " J. R. Oliver,	105 00	
" " " " J. L. Stewart,	66 77	
On hand, worthless,	869 73	
		$1,154 00

We beg leave to report that we have examined the above, and find it correct.
Respectfully submitted, COMMITTEE.

Committee to nominate Delegates to the Baptist State Convention, reported the following:

G. W. Hufham, E. A. Best, A. M. Faison, J. H. Stevens, J. M. Mosely, N. C Faison, B. Oliver, D. K. Kornegay, J. R. Oliver, J. S. Devane, J. Shine, L. Carroll, G. W. Roberts, W. M. Young, B. F. Mitchell, J. L. Stewart, G. S. Best, J L. Carlton, R. Bennett, H. E. Carr, S. S. Satchwell, B. Mathews, D. J. Middleton, J. W. Hall, J. M. Wooten, Joseph Herring, J. J. Vann, H. McAlpin, J. L. Boykin, H. J. Hobbs, A. Guy, J. P. Faison, L. F. Williams, S. Andrews, J. W. Pridgen, W. M. Kennedy, O. Alderman, C. P. Moore, R. R. Bell, B. B. Newkirk, J. F. Ireland, R. Herring, Isham Royal, J. D. Carroll, S. J. Faison, J. N. Stallings, O. Fennell, sr., O. M. Mathews, J. E. King, J. T. Rhodes, J. B. Barlow, H. P. Brinson.
Respectfully submitted. COMMITTEE.

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Association be allowed fifteen dollars for his services, and that the Treasurer be ordered to pay the Clerk postage and Express freight on minutes. Treasurer of Association ordered to pay Treasurer of Executive Committee all funds sent up for Itinerant purposes.

Committee on Finance reported. Received.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF FINANCE.

CHURCHES.	Association fund.	Itinerant fund.	Pledges to Iterant fund.
Wilmington,	$ 5 00	$ 25 00	
Moore's Creek,	4 50		
Mt. Holly,	3 25		
Marshall's M. H.,	2 00	14 80	
Lebanon,	3 00	17 00	$ 7 00
Wells' Chapel,	4 00	14 00	
Shiloh,	4 85		
Bethel,	3 75		
Lisbon,	1 50		
Mt. Gilead,	3 00		
New Hope,	2 45		
Boykin's Chapel,	1 50		
White Oak,	2 00		
Brown's M. H.,	2 00		
Beulah,	1 10		
Piney Grove, [Sampson,]	3 00		
Rowan,	2 00		
Freneh's Creek,	2 00		
Haw Bluff,	4 00		
Mt. Olive.	2 05		
Bear Marsh,	6 10		49 50
Warsaw,	5 00	1 75	
Johnson's M. H.,	2 75	1 50	
Kenansville,	3 50		30 00
Beaverdam,	4 00	5 00	
Concord,	2 25		
Mt. Zion,	1 00		
Berea,	3 00		
Island Creek,	1 80	3 00	
Limestone,	3 40	1 00	
Corinth, [Duplin,]	1 85		
Piney Grove, [Jones,]	1 25		
Natmore Chapel,	1 00		
Jacksonville,	1 00		
Pleasant Hill,	1 50		
Tuckahoe,	1 00		
Riley's Creek,	3 00		
Bethlehem,	2 00	5 25	
Chinquepin,	1 00		
Union Chapel,	3 00	2 00	
Collected by Elder Barlow,		16 00	
	$ 106 35	$ 106 30	$ 86 50

Respectfully submitted,

A. ROYAL, Chm'n.

Resolved, That the first Article of the Constitution of our Association be amendeded so as to read hereafter: "This Association shall be denominated and known as the Eastern Association."

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered to this neighborhood, for their kind efforts in entertaining the delegates with so much hospitality.

Ordered, That the Clerk have 1,200 copies of the minutes printed, and draw on the Treasurer for pay.

The Secretary of the Union Relief Society handed in a report which was received and adopted.

UNION RELIEF SOCIETY.

We beg leave to submit the following:
We find there is $1,350.95, invested in an execution which is deemed to be good, also interest on same. There is at present only $13.50 in cash on hand, besides the amount in brother Ellis' hands. Having had no communication with brother Ellis, former Treasurer of the Society, we have not ascertained the amount of current funds in his hands, and therefore cannot give a full statement of the condition of the Society. We are glad, however, to inform the Association, that the financial condition of the Society is much better than was anticipated--that all is not lost, and, with some effort, the Society will again soon be in a prosperous condition. We paid out last year to sister Zilpha Guy, $50; for a Secretary's book, $2. Brethren, we should return devout thanks to God, that He has preserved the funds of the Society, that we may be enabled to aid the needy.
Respectfully submitted. ISHAM ROYAL, Secretary.

On motion, adjourned to meet Tuesday after the first Sabbath in October, 1866, at Union Chapel, Onslow county.
Benediction by Elder Kennedy.

OWEN FENNELL, Moderator.
ISHAM ROYAL, Clerk.

After the adjournment, Elder J. E. King, preached the Missionary sermon from Mathew, 19: 10, to a very attentive congregation. A collection made, amounting to $27.95.

TABLE NO. 1.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Rec'd by Experience.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	No. Whites.	No. Colored	Total.
1 Wilmington,	New Hanover,	A. Alderman, Allison Alderman,	1	3			2	7	5	141		141
2 Mt. Holly,	"	Laban Carroll, T. J. Lee, J. Carroll,	9	3	1		5	2	3	104	15	149
3 Moore's Creek,	"	H. P. Brinson, C. P. Moore, C. V. Hines,	9	1	1		2	2	1	144	80	224
4 Bethlehem,	"	J. W. Pridgen, G. F. Pridgen, J. J. Pridgen,		4			3		15	84	15	99
5 Marshall's	"	J. R. Corbett,			1		1		8	31	38	69
6 Lebanon,	"	O. Fennell, Sr., G. W. Dyes, S. J. Faison,							2	43	47	90
7 Riley's Creek,	"	Joel Hines, H. E. Carr,								70	23	93
8 Shiloh,	"	G. A. Herring. H. S. Averitt, D. P. Bland.		1				1	4	108	35	143
9 Wells' Chapel,	"	L. Highsmith, Wm. Bland, J. T. Newton,		2					4	131	104	235
10 Bethel,	Sampson,	Joseph Alderman, O. M. Mathews,								62	23	85
11 Lisbon,	"	By Letter,							1	47	20	67
12 Mt. Gilead,	"	S. Peterson, J. Vann. Jr.,	15	2				20		104	10	114
13 New Hope,	"	Jas. L. Carroll, C. H. Smith,	16					2	2	111		111
14 Boykin's Chapel,	"	B. Mathews, J. L. Boykin, K. Vann,		4		12		2	3	125	50	175
15 White Oak,	"	George Bennett,						3	1	99	27	126
16 Corinth,*	"	Not represented,								53	2	55
17 Brown's M. H.,	"	A. Royal, H. S. Royal,	3						3	29	45	74
18 Bulah,	"	L. F. Williams,						4	2	62	102	164
19 Piney Grove,	"	By Letter,						5	5	144	25	169
20 Rowan,	"	T. O. Kelly,	23		1					75	30	105
21 Clinton,*	"	Not represented,								37	13	50
22 Canaan,*	"	" "								22	7	29
23 Mt. Zion,	Bladen,	J. Stringfield, J. M. Newton, S. B. Andrews,								15		15
24 French's Creek,	"	W. T. Pridgen, J. B. Porter,	31	2				7	1	5 63	4	67
25 Haw Bluff,	"	A. J. Barnhill, J. J. Croom,	92	2						4		53

26	Nat More Creek,*	Bladen,	B. Evans, J. H. Squires, W. J. Squires.	9	6			1	1	19	3	22
27	Mt. Olive,	Wayne,	Thos. T. Williamson,	19	2		3			41	39	80
28	Falling Creek,*	"	Not represented,							41	18	59
29	Bear Marsh,	Duplin,	B. Oliver, J. Loftin, D. K. Kornegay,	3	4		1	2		4		192
30	Warsaw,	"	H. J. Carlton, Isham Royal.	6	6			2	4	1	124	15	139
31	Johnson's,	"	W. M. Kennedy, G. S. Best,	30	2			3	2	5	116	188	304
32	Kenansville,	"	D. J. Middleton, J. N. Stallings,	5				4	1		50	103	153
33	Beaverdam,	"	J. D. Carroll,	48		1			1		125	40	165
34	Concord,	"	J. W. Taylor,		1			1		2	60	49	109
35	Berea,	"	H. Murray, R. J. Johnson.		1			1		5	106	45	151
36	Island Creek,	"	By Letter,	1		1			6	6	78	13	91
37	Limestone,	"	"	10	3			3	2	7	133	88	221
38	Corinth,	"	D. S. Register, T. H. Rogers, L. C. Register.							1	67	13	80
39	Smith's Chapel,*	"	Not represented,								16	23	39
40	Antioch,*	"	" "								9	3	12
41	Prospect,*	"	" "										22
42	Chinquepin,	"	By Letter,					1		1	45		45
43	Piney Grove,	Jones,	"	1				4		8			43
44	Tuckahoe,	"	"										11
45	Newberne,*	Craven,	Not represented,								91	4	95
46	Brice's Creek,	"	" "										
47	Fort Barnwell.	"	" "										
48	Beaufort,	Carteret,	" "										
49	Smyrna,	"	" "										
50	Woodville,	"	" "										
51	Kinston,*	Lenoir,	" "								26	15	41
52	Woodenton,*	"	" "								17		17
53	Union,*	"	" "								21	23	44
54	Washington,*	Beaufort,	" "								29	55	84
55	Union Chapel,	Onslow,	J. M. Wooten, T. J. Jerman.	14					1	1	68	8	76
56	Jacksonville,	"	J. E. King,										10
57	Pleasant Hill,	"	J. B. Barlow,	20							22	4	26
				295	49	6	16	46	61	107	3208	1463	5000

NOTE.—The Churches marked *, have their statistics taken from minutes of previous years. A few Churches reported their whole number without distinguishing between white and colored, therefore the whole number of whites and colored, as footed up, falls short of the total number.

TABLE NO. 2.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.	CHURCH CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.	GENERAL REMARKS.
Wilmington,	Wm M Young, Wilmington,	Jas W Collins, Wilmington,	Col. mem. dismissed—formed sep. church.
Mt. Holly,	W M Kennedy, Magnolia,	B Carroll, Sill's Creek,	Congregation large and attentive.
Moore's Creek,	W M Kennedy, "	O Alderman,	Healthy condition. Good Sabbath school.
Bethlehem,	Wm A Barrett,	J W Pridgen,	Large congregations. Interesting S. school.
Marshall's M. H.,	J P Lennon,	G R Corbett,	Coldness and indifferenee prevail.
Lebanon,	W M Kennedy, Magnolia,	S J Faison,	Lost a worthy Deacon by death.
Riley's Creek,	No Pastor,	H E Carr, Roeky Point,	In a eold and languishing condition.
Shiloh,	J P Faison,	H S Averett,	Peace and harmony, con. large. Good school.
Wells' Chapel,	W M Kennedy, Magnolia,	G W Highsmith, Harrell's Store	Large and atten. con., weekly p. m., fine S. S.
Bethel,	No regular Pastor,	O M Mathews, " "	Great coldness. Col. mem. careless. S. S.
Lisbon,	No Pastor,	R Herring, Herringsville,	In a eold state.
Mt. Gilead,	H McAlpin, Clinton,	J Vann, Jr, Clinton,	15 baptized during the year.
New Hope,	L F Williams, Faison's Depot,	J L Carroll, Six Runs,	Congregations attentive.
Boykin's Chapel,	H McAlpin, Clinton,	B Mathews, Clinton,	Cold state.
White Oak,	W H Howard, Clinton,	N Watson, Clinton,	At peace.
Brown's M. H.,	J L Stewart, Clinton,	A Royal, Piney Grove,	Nothing of interest reported.
Beulah,	" " "	J M Millard, Clinton,	Nothing of interest reported.
Piney Grove, Sampson,	H. McAlpin, Clinton,	R R Bell, Piney Grove,	Nothing of interest reported.
Rowan,	W H Howard, Clinton,	T O Kelly, Clinton,	Visited with a graeious revival.
Mt. Zion,	No Parson,	S Andrews,	Weak ehurch—prays for a Pastor.
French's Creek,		P H Pridgen,	Visited with an outpouring of grace.
Haw Bluff Chapel,	W A Barrett,	J R Barnhill,	Preaehing twice a month. Glorious revival.
Nat Moore Chapel,		B Evans,	Reports a lively interest.
Mt. Olive,	C P Bogert, Goldsboro',	J W Denmark, Mt Olive,	Healthy eondition. Good S. School.
Bear Marsh,	J N Stallings, Kenansville,	A S Davis, Mt Olive,	Healthy condition.
Warsaw,	A Guy, Warsaw,	T J Herring, Magnolia,	Lively interest.
Johnson's M. H.,	J L Stewart, Clinton,	W R Bell, Warsaw,	Few additions.
Kenansville,	J N Stallings, Kenansville,	G A Newell, Kenansville,	Preaching twice a month—healthy condition.
Beaverdam,	A Guy, Warsaw,	G W Carroll, "	Visited with graeious revival.
Concord,	A Guy, Warsaw,	H Mathews,	Nothing interesting.
Berea,	A Guy, Warsaw,	R J Johnson, Sill's Creek,	Coldness reported. Not at peace.
Island Creek,	No regular Pastor,	O Hanchey,	Reports coldness and backsliding.

Limestone,	J N Stallings, Kenansville,	J T Carroll,	Indications of a revival.
Corinth,	A Guy, Waarsaw,	T H Rogers,	Reports coldness.
Chinquepin,	G S Best, Kenansville,	J Cavenaugh,	Congregations attentive.
Piney Grove, Jones,	No Pastor,	J H Whitley,	One meeting in 4 years. Petitions for Pastor
Tuckahoe,	J E King, Jacksonville,	Jas Davis,	New y constituted church.
Union Chapel,	J E King, "	J M Wooten, Catharine Lake,	Precious revival.
Jacksonville,	J E King, "	A J Fay, Jacksonville,	New church. Congregation attentive.
Pleasant Hill,	J B Barlow,	E N Hobbs,	New church. Reports a revival.

The above are all the Churches that reported. The Clerks in many instances have failed to give the Post Office. It is hoped that they will give them next year, also everything of interest connected with their churches. We want full reports about Sabbath schools.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the Eastern Association.

ART. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ART. 3. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates.

ART. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the state of the church.

ART. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen from among its members, by ballot, by a majority of the members voting, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in cases of a tie.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session and superintend their printing and distribution among the churches.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches or collected during the session of this body and disburse the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

ART. 9. The Association shall annually appoint an Executive Committee, consisting of not less than five or more than seven members; which committee shall have the superintendence of Associational missions and Colportage. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and during intervals between the meetings of this body to receive and disburse funds for those objects, and to take such steps for their advancement as they shall deem advisable, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings.

ART. 10. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of her churches which neglect to preserve gospel order.

ART. 11. The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of the body except that of voting.

ART. 12. The annual session of this Association shall commence on Tuesday after the first Lord's day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

ART. 13. By appointment of the Association there shall be an Introductory sermon, a Missionary sermon, and a Denominational sermon.

ART. 13. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session, shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence a chairman *pro tem.* shall be elected.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises to be conducted by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.

3. At each daily session, and previous to proceeding to business the names of the delegates shall be called and the proceedings of the previous daily session read.

4. The members shall observe towards the officers, and each other that courtesy which becomes christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak shall arise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration and avoid personalities.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.

7. All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer before discussion.

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after its discussion.

9. When a question is under discussion no motion or proposition shall be received, except to adjourn, to lay on the table; to amend, or postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

10. After a motion is decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the presiding officer.

12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13. The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to its consideration.

14. The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a majority of votes.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Organization.
2. Call for Petitionary Letters.
3. Appointment of Committees.
4. Reception of corresponding delegates and visitors.
5. Reports of Standing Committees.
6. Reports of Special Committees.
7. Motions and Resolutions.
8. Union Relief Association.
9. Miscellaneous Business.
10. Report of the Treasurer.
11. Adjournment.

RULES OF DECORUM FOR THE CHURCHES.

1. We will hold at least four conference meetings in a year for transaction of business; also special meetings whenever requisite.

2. The names of members shall be called at every regular meeting, and there shall be due notice taken of the absence of those who discover a disposition to absent themselves.

3. At every conference the pastor, in right of his office, shall preside as Moderator; and in case of his absence, the conference shall appoint a Moderator *pro tem.*, who shall open conference by devotional exercises, or call on some other brother to do it for him.

4. The Clerk shall keep a Church Book, in which all the proceedings of the conference shall be faithfully transcribed, and at every regular meeting the minutes of the preceding meeting shall be read immediately after the names are called.

5. An invitation shall be given to brethren of our faith and order to sit with us in conference, who shall enjoy all the privileges of the meeting, except that of voting.

6. A door shall be opened for the reception of members; and in any instance, receiving to fellowship shall be by unanimous vote.

7. Every subject for the consideration of conference shall be introduced by a motion, which, when seconded, shall be debatable and acted upon, unless withdrawn by the mover with the consent of the second.

8. Every speaker shall rise and address the Moderator by the appellation of brother, and shall confine his remarks to the subject under debate, and shall not be allowed to speak more than twice on one subject, except by permission from the Moderator.

9. No member shall withdraw from the conference without the permission of the Moderator.

10. It shall be required, that in matters of difference between members, before complaint is made to the church, the aggrieved party shall have duly attended to the instructions of our Lord, Matt. 18th chapter, 16th, 17th and 18th verses, and public offences or such as operate against the peace of the church, shall be the subject of discipline.

11. All questions submitted to the conference shall be decided by a majority of votes, except receiving members to fellowship; and any question may be reconsidered upon the motion of one who voted in the affirmative.

19. The Moderator shall propound all questions for vote—shall keep the speakers to the subject under debate—may express his own views after others are done speaking, and see that these rules are faithfully observed.

13. These Rules of Decoum may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the whole church.

Resolved, That this Association recommend the adoption of the foregoing rules to all the churches that compose this body.

925/25 donated by A. H. Petty

MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

HELD WITH THE

CHURCH AT UNION CHAPEL, ONSLOW COUNTY, N. C.

OCTOBER 9—11, 1866.

RALEIGH:

BIBLICAL RECORDER BOOK AND JOB PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT.

1866.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

W. M. KENNEDY, MODERATOR, Magnolia, N. C.
ISHAM ROYAL, CLERK, Warsaw, N. C.
S. J. FAISON, TREASURER, Harrell's Store, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

B. OLIVER, Chairman, Mt. Olive.
H. E. CARR, Secretary, Rocky Point.
D. J. Middleton, Warsaw.
J. H. Stevens.
L. Highsmith.
Kedar Vann.
C. P. Moore.

TRUSTEES MINISTERS' RELIEF SOCIETY.

B. OLIVER, President.
D. J. MIDDLETON, Secretary.
D. K. KORNEGAY, Treasurer.
J. H. Stevens,
J. D. Carroll.
J. L. Boykin,
A. M. Faison.

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B. Oliver,
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J. D. Carroll,
Lewis Carroll.
J. N. Stallings,
J. W. Swinson,
O. Alderman,
Joel Loftin,
J. W. Taylor,
W. H. Smith,
O. Fennell, Sr.,
S. J. Faison,
J. T. Moore,
A. Guy,
D. J. Middleton,
A. M. Faison,
A. J. Daniel,
W. M. Kennedy,
H. E. Carr,
S. L. Gavin,
C. P. Moore,
T. J. Jerman,
J. E. Carlton,
H. S. Averitt,
D. P. Bland,
Richard Herring,
J. B. Barlow,
J. L. Stewart,
L. Highsmith,
G. S. Best.

PROCEEDINGS.

UNION CHAPEL, Onslow County,
Tuesday, Oct. 9th, 1866.

The Introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. M. Kennedy, from Matt. XXVIII: 19, 20.

After a short intermission, the delegates assembled in the house. Owen Fennell, sr., the former Moderator, being absent, Elder W. M. Kennedy was appointed Moderator pro tem., who read 122d Psalm: prayer was offered by Elder J. L. Stewart. Committee on Devotional Exercises was appointed, consisting of Elder J. N. Stallings, and brethren J. P. Cox, Thos. J. Jerman, Emanuel Jerman, B. Oliver and J. M. Wooten.

The list of churches called, a majority being represented, proceeded to organize.

Brethren J. N. Stallings and J. L. Stewart were appointed Assistant Clerks, and brethren Lewis Highsmith, D. J. Middleton and C. P. Moore were appointed a committee of Finance.

The letters were called for and read.

The letters from Bethlehem, Wells' Chapel, Corinth, (Sampson) Warsaw and Concord, were laid on the table. The letter from Falling Creek referred to the Executive Committee. The reading of the letters showed that the church at Lebanon had united with the church at Wells' Chapel, and the church at Smith's Chapel with the church at Prospect. They were ordered to be stricken from the minutes.

On motion, proceeded to the election of officers.

Two tellers were appointed to superintend the election of each officer.

Tellers for Moderator—J. M. Wooten, J. D. Carroll.

Tellers for Clerk—J. S. Devane, S. S. Biddle.

Tellers for Treasurer—J. W. Taylor, J. F. Shine.

Elder W. M. Kennedy was elected Moderator, Isham Royal, re-elected Clerk, and S. J. Faison re elected Treasurer.

A committee was appointed to report on the spiritual condition of the churches, consisting of J. L. Stewart, J. N. Stallings and S. J. Faison.

The committee on Religious Exercises reported the following, viz:

Prayer meeting at 9 1-2 o'clock to-morrow morning. Association meet at 10. Denominational sermon at 11, by Elder Stewart. Elder McAlpin preach at 1 o'clock, and Elder J. R. Oliver at 3 o'clock.

Brethren B. Oliver, D. J. Middleton and Elder H. R. Kornegay were appointed a committee to prepare an order of business.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, 9 1-2 o'clock. Prayer by brother B. Oliver. Benediction by the Moderator.

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 10th, 1866.

Met at 9 1-2 oclock. Prayer meeting conducted by Elder Barlow, who read 15th Psalm.

At 10 o'clock the Association was called to order by the Moderator, who read 55th chapter of Isaiah.

Roll called. Minutes of yesterday were read and corrected.

The letter from Wilmington was read.

The committee on an order of business, reported the following, which was received and adopted.

1. Organization.
2. Call for Petitionary letters.
3. Reception of Corresponding delegates and visitors.

4. Appointment of Committees.
5. Report of Standing Committees.
6. Ministers' Relief Association.
7. Reports of Special Committees.
8. Motions and resolutions.
9. Miscellaneous business.
10. Report of Treasurer.
11. Adjournment.

The letter from Jacksonville was read.

Visiting and corresponding brethren invited to seats.

On motion, the following committees were appointed:

To Nominate Executive Committee—Elder Hugh McAlpin, and brethren J. S. Devane and J. W. Taylor.

On Obituaries—Elder J. P. Faison, and brethren S. S. Biddle and J. D. Carroll.

To Nominate Trustees of Warsaw High School—Brethren J. M. Wooten, S. J. Faison and L. Highsmith.

Sabbath Schools—Elders Stallings and Barlow, and brethren C. P. Moore, and G. A. Newell.

Religious Publications—Brother S. J. Faison, and Elders G. S. Best and G. W. Hufham.

Ministerial Support—Brethren S. S. Biddle, B. Oliver and J. W. Swinson.

Foreign Missions—Elders H. R. Kornegay and J. R. Oliver, and brother H. G. Barnhill.

To audit account of Treasurer of Association—B. Mathews and Whitney Royall.

To audit account of Treasurer of Executive Committee—J. W. Biddle and F. R. Underwood.

To nominate delegates to Baptist State Convention—H. E. Carr, Matthews Rogers and J. R. Oliver.

To nominate ministers to preach Stated Sermons at next session—G. A. Newell, D. J. Middleton and L. R. Matthews.

On the Letter from Concord—Elder Stallings, and brethren J. W. Taylor and W. R. Simpson.

Att 11 o'clock adjourned to hear the denominational

sermon. Elder J. L. Stewart preached a very able and instructive sermon, to an attentive audience, from John III: 5, and Mark XVI: 16. "Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."

After the sermon, met pursuant to adjournment.

Report of Committee to nominate Executive Committee received.

Report B. Oliver, Kedar Vann, H. E. Carr, L. Highsmith, D. J. J. Middleton, J. H. Stevens and C. P. Moore. Adopted.

On motion, the 13th Article of the Constitution amended so as to make the Introductory Sermon a denominational sermon.

The following brethren were appointed a Historical Committee, viz: J. L. Stewart, I. Royal, J. R. Oliver, L. F. Williams, W. M. Kennedy, J. N. Stallings, H. R. Kornegay.

Resolved, That special prayer be offered at the prayer meeting in the morning, for Rev. A. Guy, as requested in the letter from the church at Warsaw.

The Executive Committee reported, and in connexion with their report they submitted a letter from brother Utley, giving a statement of the condition of the churches in the north eastern part of the Association, and asking the aid and advice of the committee. The report was received and adopted, and the letter referred to the Executive Committee.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

DEAR BRETHREN OF THE ASSOCIATION:—Your Committee submit the following as their annual report.

The work in which we have been engaged for the past twenty years, has been prosecuted during the past year, with all the energy and means at our command. The difficulties in our way have been of a very grave character. And yet, as we survey the field of operations, and the results which have been attained, we feel that we have abundant cause to be thankful to our Heavenly Father for his goodness to us, and to be encouraged to press forward in the

good work. During the year we have had four missionaries under our direction, Elders Barlow, Best, Stewart and Oliver. To sustain Elder Barlow at Pleasant Hill, we appropriated fifty dollars, and one dollar and fifty cents per day while actually engaged in preaching at other points. He has preached at Pleasant Hill, Bay M. H., Wards Will, Flavel Hill and Jacksonville, and baptized nineteen during the year. We appropriated fifty dollars to sustain Elder Best at Chinquepin, and one hundred dollars to sustain Elder Oliver at Prospect and Smith's Chapel, and one dollar and fifty cents per day while actually engaged in preaching at other points. He has baptized seventeen during the year. To sustain Elder Stewart at Clinton, our appropriation was fifty dollars. He reports five baptized at that point during the year. The points mentioned still need the fostering care of the Association, and we regard them as inviting fields.

Not only from these places, but from almost every part of the Association the "Macedonian cry" comes up, "come over and help us." And indeed, throughout the entire history of our operations, we do not recollect a period when the prospect was more encouraging, or the necessity for increased diligence more urgent. The fields truly are white unto the harvest, and there are laborers ready to enter, if they can be *sustained.* It is at this point we meet the greatest difficulty—the want of means to sustain our missionaries. This want seriously crippled our efforts during the past year, and there is reason to fear may do so more seriously in the future.

We desire to call the attention of the Association earnestly to this matter, and ask you in your wisdom to devise some means for the removal of this apprehension.

We believe there are influences at work now which will induce the churches, in a few years, to take higher missionary ground than has ever marked our history heretofore, or to relapse into a state of indifference, perhaps inactivity. To avert a state so much to be deplored at all times it is of prime importance to leave no means within our power untried.

We desire to call your attention to our interest at Beaufort, and for information upon this matter, we refer you to a letter written by brother Utley from that point, which we herewith transmit, and beg leave to make a part of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

B. OLIVER, *Chairman.*

The committee to nominate Trustees of Warsaw High School reported. Report received and confirmed. (See first page.)

Report of Ministers' Relief Society deferred until to-morrow.

Report of committee to nominate delegates to Baptist State Convention received and adopted.

Your committee to nominate delegates to Baptist State Convention, submit the following report:

W. M. Young, J. N. Stallings, H. McAlpin, B. Oliver, J. L. Stewart, B. F.

Mitchell, L. F. Williams, W. M. Kennedy, S. J. Faison, I Royal, O. Alderman, J. P. Faison, L. Highsmith, D. J. Middleton, J. S. Devane.

H. E. CARR, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That any member of this Association, who may attend the Baptist State Convention, be allowed to represent us in said body until the number of delegates to which we are entitled is made up.

Report of committee on Obituaries received and adopted.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

The committee on Obituaries beg leave to report that it is with regret we have to announce the death of brother T. J. Corbet, who, although a layman, yet in all things pertaining to his duty as a christian, acted a faithful and conspicuous part. He did not hide his light under a bushel, as witness the designation of the members of his church, who, in solemn conference, termed him a shining light. Upon his shoulders rested almost singly the burden of supporting the church at Marshall's Meeting House, and with uncomplaining spirit he bore this yoke until called to his reward above. He was kindly in all his relations of life, as head of family, neighbor, citizen, and demonstrated fully, by a pious walk and godly conversation, that his life was hid with Christ in God. He has left us an example well worthy our praise and imitation.

The above is respectfully submitted.

J. P. FAISON,
S. S. BIDDLE,
J. D. CARROLL.

Committee to nominate ministers for Stated Sermons at next session, reported the following:

Elder W. M. Young to preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder G. S. Best alternate.

Elder Hugh McAlpin to preach Missionary Sermon, Elder J. L. Stewart alternate.

The letter from the church at Corinth, Sampson, called up, and a letter of dismission was granted to it to unite with the Cedar Creek Association.

On motion, miscellaneous business taken up.

The delegates from the church at Bear Marsh petitioned for the next session of the Association to be held there. Agreed to hold the next session with the church at Bear Marsh, Duplin county.

On motion, appointed delegates to sister Associations.

Pamlico—S. S. Biddle, J. W. Biddle, A. D. Cohen, L. Thorne.

Cedar Creek—W. M. Kennedy, H. McAlpin, L. Carroll, J. L. Stewart.

Cape Fear—Isaiah Carroll, J. S. Devane.

Elder J. L. Stewart was appointed to write and send a letter to the Sandy Creek Association.

Resolved, That any member of this Association, who may be present at the meetings of any bodies with which we correspond, be authorized to represent us in said bodies.

Committee on Devotional Exercises reported the following: Prayer meeting at 9 1-2 o'clock in the morning, to be conducted by Elder G. W. Hufham. Preaching at 11 by Elder McAlpin. Missionary sermon at 1 o'clock by Elder Barlow.

On motion, adjourned. Prayer by Elder Barlow. Benediction by the Moderator.

THURSDAY, Oct. 11th, 1866.

Prayer meeting conducted by Elder G. W. Hufham, in which special prayer was offered for Elder A. Guy, who has long been confined on a bed of sickness.

Association convened pursuant to adjournment. After singing, prayer was offered by Elder H. McAlpin. Roll called, minutes of yesterday read.

Report of Committee of Finance received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF FINANCE.

	Association fund.	Itinerant fund.
Mt. Holly,	$ 3 75	$ 5 05
Moore's Creek,	3 90	6 50
Bethlehem,	2 50	
Marshall's M. H.,	2 00	
Rileys' Creek,	3 25	7 00
Shiloh,	3 25	
Wells' Chapel,	5 00	14 05
Lisbon,	2 00	6 65
Mt. Gilead,	5 00	5 00
New Hope,	4 00	
Boykin's Chapel,	5 00	23 00
White Oak,	2 00	6 00
Beulah,	3 00	13 25
Corinth,	1 50	
Piney Grove.	3 00	6 00
Rowan,	2 50	
Clinton,	3 50	16 20
Canaan,	1 00	
Haw Bluff,	2 00	5 25
Nat Moore Creek,	1 00	
Falling Creek,	2 00	
Bear Marsh,	4 00	Pl'd'gs 33 00
Warsaw,	3 00	
Kenansville,	3 00	
Johnson's,	2 50	6 85
Concord,	2 25	1 95
Beaverdam,	4 00	6 40
Berea,	2 00	3 15
Island Creek,	2 50	1 75
Limestone,	3 00	
Corinth, (Duplin)	1 75	2 00
Antioch,	50	
Prospect,	1 00	
Tuckahoe,	1 00	
Fort Barnwell,	2 00	
Kinston,	2 00	
Jacksonville,	1 00	
Union Chapel,	3 00	12 15
Pleasant Hill,	1 50	
Wilmington,	5 00	Pl'd'gs 50 00
	$106 15	$ 148 65

Respectfully submitted,

L. HIGHSMITH,
C. P. MOORE,
D. J. MIDDLETON.

On motion, the committee of Finance directed to pay the funds in their hands to the Treasurer of the Association, and the Treasurer pay to the officers of those objects for which it is designed.

Report on Foreign Missions received and adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee on Foreign Missions submit the following report:

In the absence of definite information, we are unable to state any facts relative to the subject. We who enjoy the gospel of Jesus Christ, ought to feel a deep interest in the spiritual welfare of those benighted beings in heathen lands. While we are not able to contribute much to the cause now, yet we think it necessary to exercise more self-denial, so that our brethren who have labored to spread the truth, may be aided and encouraged in their good work. If nothing else can be done at present, we should at least offer our prayers to God that he would raise up more laborers in our midst, and send forth others to fill the vast field which lies before us. Our pastors should all explain and defend the general cause of Missions, especially encourage the work in our domestic fields, in order that the proper spirit may be aroused, and our duty to those without the gospel faithfully discharged.

Respectfully submitted,

H. KORNEGAY, *Chairman.*

During the consideration of the report on Foreign Missions, a collection was made, amounting to $21.

The report on Sabbath Schools was read, and after a considerable discussion, adopted.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Sabbath School committee submit the following:

Ordinarily we would not deem it necessary to produce any argument to show the Scripturalness and importance of Sabbath Schools, but taking them as axiomatic, to simply urge the churches to be up and doing, with all their energy, in this matter. The limits of a report forbid that we assign many reasons for them; but because some brethren, who have heretofore acted fully with us, in this, as well as in every other good work, seem to have fallen from their steadfastness, we briefly submit a few: Under the old dispensation, the chosen people of God were expressly commanded to keep continually before their children, the marvelous and gracious dealings of God with them. In their down-sittings and up-risings, continually were they to keep them before their children, that they might fear and serve the Lord. Again, the Scriptures of that era declare, "Train up a child in the way in which he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." This, then, under the Law was expressly enacted; and we submit that the same has been re-enacted in the new dispensation. Our Saviour intended to enforce this duty when he took the little children in his arms and blessed them, and said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of Heaven." And an inspired Apostle directs, "Bring up your children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." It being clearly established, both from the Old and New Testament, that God's people are to keep continually before their children, the dealings of God with them, and to

instruct them in the way, and bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, your committee respectfully submit that there can be no better place than the house of worship, and no more appropriate time than the Lord's day, at and upon which the children of God may come together and assist each other in this blessed work. Again, the spirit of the Gospel inculcates this duty. The gospel itself is a system of instruction. Jesus was the great teacher. Ministers are his teachers in a public and official capacity, and every believer, as he has talents committed to him, is a teacher in a private and unofficial capacity To whom can we then carry our instructions, with more earnestness and affection than to our own children and those of our neighbors? And who better prepared to receive the "glorius gospel of God?" We look upon the Sabbath School as one of the greatest instrumentalities for good in which the christian can engage. Its importance can not be overestimated. The express teachings of the Word of God, and the spirit of the gospel endorse and sustain it. And has not this instrumentality been blessed? How many in this body, how many in our churches, who have been awakened and led to Christ through it? The mystery to us is, how any child of God can refuse to lend a helping hand in this work of the Lord. Much more is it a mystery that any one should oppose an institution which is in accordance with the explicit teachings of God's Word, which carries out the spirit of the gospel, and which God has so abundantly blessed to the salvation of souls. If it has its faults, as undoubtedly it has, as conducted in some places, let them be pointed out and corrected, but let no one, who loves God and the souls of men, throw himself in opposition to it; but on the contrary, let all our dear brethren and sisters, with the spirit of prayer and consecration, come forward and prosecute with energy, this blessed work in all our churches. While your committee is not prepared to submit any perfect plan, by which an interest may be awakened in the work and they rendered more efficient, we would make a few suggestions: We would urge our pastors to look out in their churches some one best qualified, who has a mind to work, to act as Superintendent, and will use his best efforts to organize and carry forward this work. We would respectfully urge that our pastors be present with the schools, and by addresses to the children, and other means encourage and keep up the interest. In the selection of teachers we respectfully suggest that church members be obtained.

Respectfully,

J. N. STALLINGS, *Chairman.*

The following, on ministerial support was received and adopted:

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

Your committee on Ministerial Support, respectfully report that it is a fact generally admitted in our churches, that ministers of the gospel should live of the gospel, and that they are devoting their time and talents to the edification of the church, to the conversion of sinners, and to the visitation of the afflicted. It is the duty of the churches to give liberally of their money and

their means, that the minister and his family may have a comfortable support. It may perhaps be said we admit the principle as stated, but in our present impoverished condition, we have not the money, we can't pay. Then do what you can, as the widow in the gospel, and it will satisfy the ministers and be approved by the Great Head of the church. In a few years, with God's blessing, our churches will be able to do their duty, and in the mean time trust in God's promises, and go forward in obedience to his commands.

S. S. BIDDLE.

The committee to audit the account of the Treasurer of the Executive Committee reported the account correct.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

D. J. Middleton, Treasurer of the Executive Committee, submits the following report:

Dr.

To amount received at	Association at	Moore's Creek, October, 1865,	$134 25
"	"	Rowan,	10 85
"	"	Wells' Chapel,	19 10
"	"	Shiloh,	23 85
"	"	Lebanon,	9 25
"	"	Bear Marsh,	50 00
"	"	Moore's Creek,	10 83
"	"	Island Creek,	22 08
"	"	Kenansville,	9 95
"	"	Mt. Holly,	10 27
"	"	Hallsville,	5 00
"	"	Mt. Gilead,	10 50
"	"	Piney Grove,	3 85
"	"	Johnson's,	3 90
"	"	Beulah,	5 20
"	"	Clinton,	4 50
"	"	Beaverdam,	2 68
"	"	Riley's Creek,	1 00
"	"	Wilmington,	25 00
"	"	From churches at present session,	148 20
			$510 26
Credit by amount to sundry persons,			$420 58
Balance in hands of Treasurer.			$89 68

We beg leave to report that we have examined the above account and find it correct. Respectfully submitted.

COMMITTEE.

The committee to report on the letter from the church at Concord, submitted the following, which was received and adopted.

REPORT ON THE LETTER FROM CONCORD.

Your committee to whom was referred the letter from Concord church, with reference to the attendance of christians upon pic-nics and dancing parties, and participating in them, submit the following: We have seen with deep regret the spirit of worldliness, which has possessed some of the members of a few of our churches in attendance upon these, and participation by others in them. We consider them as utterly opposed to the spirit of the gospel. While the christian is entitled to all rational enjoyment, while he is commanded "to rejoice ever more," "to rejoice with those that do rejoice,' it is spiritual rejoicing to which the Scriptures refer, and we are "sorrowful, yet always rejoicing." We have no right to sinful pleasures, to lightness and frivolity and levity. The fearful condition of poor sinners "already condemned," should fill every heart with sorrow for them, and instead of encouraging in them worldlymindedness, which is one of the chief hindrances to their receiving the gospel, they should continually testify against that spirit, and show that we are strangers and pilgrims in the earth, and that we seek a better country, that is a heavenly. Again, the proneness to evil which is inherent in us all, on account of indwelling sin, should warn every one, who desires to glorify God, to absent himself from such places, lest he be tempted to engage in those things which will bring reproach upon the cause of religion and to suffer great spiritual loss. We recommend that our pastors and brethren use all their efforts to promote spirituality amongst our members—one of the chief of which, your committee thinks to be the absenting themselves from such places entirely. And should any participate in the dances of such occasions, we recommend that they be promptly disciplined.

J. N. STALLINGS, *Chairman.*

The committee to audit the account of the Treasurer of Association reported the following, which was received and adopted:

TREASURER OF EASTERN ASSOCIATION'S REPORT.

Treasurer Dr.

October 1865, to	Association fund,	$106 35
"	Itinerant fund,	106 30
"	Funds for printing Minutes of 1864,	23 60
		$236 25

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October, 1865.	Paid D. J. Middleton, Treas. of Ex. Com.	$106 30
"	Paid I. Royal, Clerk fee,	15 00
"	Paid I. Royal printing Minutes 1864,	23 60
"	Paid I. Royal printing Minutes 1865,	61 40
		$236 30

The committee report that the account of the Treasurer is correct.

B. MATHEWS, }
W. ROYAL, } Com.

The committee on Religious Publications reported. Received and adopted.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS PUBLICATIONS.

The committee on Religious Publications submit, that they feel much embarrassment in referring to this subject, when they reflect how barren, to all human appearances, of the results aimed at, have been previous reports adopted by our body. From the press is exerted an influence, directing and controlling thoughts and forming opinions, second to no other human agency. To make it avail the christian's ends, those products should be supplied to readers which make such impressions as purify and elevate the soul, leading it back to God, its creator. This has been for years, and hence our diffidence in approaching the subject. We can offer nothing new, and therefore must repeat the request to the Elders and brethren to persevere in searching for every avenue of success in circulating pure and sound religious publications of our denomination. We shall refer to only one of these—the BIBLICAL RECORDER—because it is our organ, ably and faithfully conducted, deserving our first patronage, and sincere encouragement. When its circulation shall bring us in that relation to it, that does not mortify us as a denomination, then other publications may be urged upon your kind consideration. Therefore,

Resolved, That our pastors and brethren make the BIBLICAL RECORDER a subject of consideration at each quarterly conference of their churches, and that they endeavor to secure every possible addition to its list of subscription.

COMMITTEE.

The trustees of the "Ministers' Relief Society reported. Received and adopted.

MINISTERS' RELIEF SOCIETY.

The trustees of the Ministers' Relief Society, beg leave to report, that in accordance with the act of incorporation, they held a meeting and organized, by electing B. Oliver President, and J. D. Carroll, Vice President, D. K. Kornegay, Treasurer, and D. J. Middleton, Secretary.

We have examined the report of the former Treasurer, and respectfully submit it as a part of our report. As we are the servants of the Association and report to you, we would urge upon the ministers and delegates to bring the claims of this Society before their respective churches, and assist us in raising funds.

Respectfully,

B. OLIVER, *President.*

REPORT OF TREASURER OF MINISTERS' RELIEF SOCIETY.

J. R. Oliver, Treasurer of Ministers' Relief Society in account current.

Amount deposited by former treasurer, C. D. Ellis, in Saving's Bank,			$601 85
An execution Transferred by J. J. Whitehead to C. D. Ellis, former Treasurer, now in Duplin Superior Court, principal and interest, about			1410 00
1865. Collected at Piney Grove,			15 75
" Moore's Creek,			12 00
" Rowan,			11 10
1866. " Island Creek,			8 75
" Shiloh,			13 00
April, note on G. W. & J. D. Huf ham, due Oct. 13, 1860,			57 75
Interest on same,			20 85
			$2151 05

A note on Isham Royal, for $26 25, has been taken for a part of the above collections.

CONTRA.

1865. Amount paid for Secretary's book,		$ 2 75	
" " Sister Guy,		10 00	
			12 75
			$2138 30

SUMMARY.

In Savings bank, doubtful,	$ 601 85
Execution in Duplin S. Court,	1410 00
Cash on hand,	21 50
I. Royal's note,	26 25
G. W. & J. D. Huf ham's note,	57 25
Interest on same,	20 85
	$2138 30

The committee on Church Letters reported. Received and adopted.

REPORT ON CHURCH LETTERS.

The Committee on Church Letters beg leave to report that an examination of these letters shows that the spiritual condition of the greater number of our churches is encouraging, many of them having been blessed with refreshing showers of Divine grace during the year. The number reported as baptized is 503; Received by letter, 92; restoration, 8; experience, 11; dismissed by letter, 52; excluded, 219; dead, 54; total number of accessions 614; dismissed by letter and otherwise, 325; nett accessions. 288; total number, 4127.

The minutes of last session state the total number of membership 5009—nearly one thousand more than that of the present session. And yet the

letters show an increase of 289. Such discrepancies as this bespeak carelessness on the part of the churches, and we would urge them to be more careful as to the statistics in future.

Respectfully submitted.

COMMMITTEE.

NOTE.—The discrepancies referred to in this report are caused by several churches, whose statistics are on last year's minutes (taken from previous minutes) not sending any statement of statistics to the session of 1866. See Table No. 1. CLERK.

On motion, Trustees of Warsaw High School allowed further time to report.

Ordered that the Clerk of the Asssociation be allowed twenty dollars for his services, and that he expend the balance of the Association fund in printing and circulating the minutes.

Resolved, That each pastor, and if there be no pastor, some delegate or other brother, as soon as the minutes are published, bring before his church the resolutions and reports of this body, for their adoption or rejection.

On motion, a standing order of business was adopted for next session. See order of business.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are unanimously tendered to the members of this church and community for their kind and hospitable treatment during our stay in their midst.

Rules of order amended. See Art. 11.

On motion, adjourned to meet at Bear Marsh, Duplin county, on Tuesday, after the first Sabbath in October, 1867. A few parting remarks were made by the Moderator. Prayer and benediction by Moderator.

W. M. KENNEDY, MODERATOR.

ISHAM ROYAL, *Clerk*.

TABLE NO. 1.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by letter.	Restored.	Rec. by experience	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	No. Whites.	No. Colored.	Total number reported.	Total taken from Minutes of previous year.
1 Wilmington,	New Hanover.	W. R. Simpson.	6	20			3	2	9	141		153	
2 Mt. Holly,	"	I. Carroll, T. J. Lee, K. F. Powers.	26	2			6	3	2	113	68	181	
3 Moore's Creek,	"	C. P. Moore.		2	1								224
4 Bethlehem,	"	By letter.	7				1	6		77	15	92	
5 Marshall's M. H.	"	By letter.			1		6		2	24	38	62	
6 Riley's Creek,	"	H. E. Carr.					1			60	23	83	
7 Shiloh,	"	H. D. Marshburn.	60	2			4	5	1	126	81	207	
8 Wells' Chapel,	"	L. Highsmith, S. J. Faison.	40	3	2		1	6	2	183	161	344	
9 Bethel,	Sampson.	Not represented.											85
10 Lisbon,	"	By letter.	34	2		2	2	1				84	
11 Mt. Gilead,	"	S. Peterson, J. Vann, jr.		1				3	2	106	6	112	
12 New Hope,	"	By letter.	1				3			116	25	141	
13 Boykin's Chapel	"	H. McAlpin, W. H. Boykin, B. Mathews.	24	5		1	3	5	1	134	20	154	
14 White Oak,	"	H. K. Bennett, W. Royal.	5							94	29	123	
15 Brown's M. H.	"	Not represented.											74
16 Beulah,	"	J. H. Stevens.	15				1	56	2	58	63	121	
17 Piney Grove,	"	By letter.	17			1				154	23	177	
18 Rowan,	"	P. O. Irwin, S. Boone.	9	1			1		2	80	25	105	
19 Clinton,	"	J. L. Stewart.	5	2			1	1	4	40	20	60	
20 Canaan,	"	F. R. Underwood.						1	2	17	2	19	
21 Mt. Zion,	Bladen.	Not represented.											15
22 French's Creek,	"	Not represented.											67
23 Haw Bluff,	"	H. J. Barnhill, A. J. Barnhill.					2	1				58	
24 N. Moore Creek	"	By letter.	2	4	1	3						33	

25 Mt. Olive,	Wayne.	Not represented.											
26 Falling Creek,	"	A. Flowers, A. Wiggs,	11			1				46		46	80
27 Bear Marsh,	Duplin.	B. Oliver, J. S. Devane, J. F. Shine.	10	1			3	93		184	89	293	
28 Warsaw,	"	Isham Royal,		2			5	4	4	114	15	129	
29 Johnson's M. H	"	W. M. Kennedy, G. S. Best.											304
30 Kenansville,	"	D. J. Middleton, J. N Stallings, G. A. Newell,	18				2	11	8	58	93	151	
31 Beaverdam,	"	J. D. Carroll, J. W. Swinson, M. Rogers.	64	4	1			2	2	160	42	202	
32 Concord,	"	R. J. Strickland, L. R. Mathews, J. W. Taylor.	3	17			2	1	1	79	61	140	
33 Berea,	"	S. Wells, D. H. Murray.					2	7	3	95	8	104	
34 Island Creek,	"	J. Savage, W. Boney.	65	3	1		1	2		126	28	154	
35 Limestone,	"	J. D. Brown.	3	7			2	12	3	136	68	204	
36 Corinth,	"	I. H. Rogers.								46		46	
37 Antioch,	"	H. R. Kornegay.							2	8	3	11	
38 Prospect,		By letter.	13	2		1		2	1	40	29	69	
39 Chinquepin,		Not represented.											45
40 Piney Grove,	Jones.	Not represented.											43
41 Tuckahoe,	"	J. J. Davis, John Rhodes.	27	2						30	8	38	
42 Newberne,	Craven.	Not represented.											95
43 Brice's Creek,	"	Not represented.											
44 Fort Barnwell,	"	S. S. Biddle, J. W. Biddle.								11		11	
45 Beaufort,	Carterett.	Not represented.											
46 Smyrna,	"	Not represented.											
47 Woodville,	"	Not represented.											
48 Kinston.	Lenoir.	S. E. Loftin.	19							20	31	51	
49 Woodenton,	"	Not represented.											17
50 Union,	"	Not represented.											44
51 Washington,	Beaufort.	Not represented.											84
52 Union Chapel,	Onslow	J. M. Wooten, J. Marshburn, M. D. Thomas,	2					1		67	9	76	
53 Jacksonville,	"	W. J. Montford.		2					1	12		12	
54 Pleasant Hill,	"	J. B. Barlow.	4	8				1	2	28	5	33	
Sampson, Corinth,	Dismissed.				1					68	1	69	
		Total membership, 5,304.	503	92	8	11	52	219	54	2851	1089	4127	1177

TABLE NO. 2.

CHURCHES,	PASTORS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.	CHURCH CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.
Wilmington,	W. M, Young, Wilmington,	J. W. Collins, Wilmington.
Mt, Holly,	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia.	B. Carroll, Camera.
Moore's Creek,	" "	V. N. Seawell.
Bethlehem,	No pastor.	J. W. Pridgen, Caintuck.
Marshall's M. H.	"	D. J. Corbett,
Riley's Creek,	"	B. G. Larkins.
Shiloh,	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store.	H. S. Averett, Moore's Creek.
Wells' Chapel,	W, M. Kennedy, Magnolia.	G. W. Highsmith, Harrell's Store.
Lisbon,	J. L. Stewart, Clinton.	R. Herring, Herringsville.
Mt. Gilead,	H. McAlpin, Clinton.	J. Vann, jr., Clinton.
New Hope,	A. Guy, Warsaw.	J. L. Carroll, Six Runs.
Boykin's Chapel,	H, McAlpin, Clinton.	B. Mathews, Clinton.
White Oak,	W. H. Howard, Clinton,	G. W. Bennett, Clinton.
Beulah,	J. L. Stewart, Clinton.	J. M. Millard, Clinton.
Piney Grove, Sampson,	H. McAlpin, Clinton.	R. R. Bell, Piney Grove.
Rowan,	W. H. Howard, Clinton.	T. O. Kelly, Clinton.
Clinton,	J. L. Stewart, Clinton.	G. Clute, Clinton.
Canaan,	J. R. Oliver, Mt. Olive.	T. Underwood, Newton Grove.
Haw Bluff Chapel,	H. P. Brinson.	J. R. Barnhill.
Nat Moore Chapel,	J. M, Register, Whit's Creek.	B. Evans, Black Rock.
Falling Creek,	No pastor,	G. S. Peterson.
Bear Marsh,	J. N, Stallings, Kenansville.	A. S. Davis, Mt. Olive.
Warsaw,	A. Guy, Warsaw.	B. C. Bowden, Warsaw.
Johnson's M. H.,	J. L. Stewart, Clinton.	D. A. Moore, Warsaw.
Kenansville,	J. N. Stallings, Kenansville.	G. A. Newell, Kenansville.
Beaverdam,	A. Guy, Warsaw.	G. W. Carroll, Kenansville.
Concord,	" "	J. W. Taylor, Magnolia.
Berea,	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store.	R. J. Johnson.

Island Creek,	G. S. Best, Kenansville.	S. H. Cavenaugh, Teachey's Depot.
Limestone,	J. E. King, Kenansville.	J. T. Carroll, Kenansville.
Prospect,	J. R. Oliver, Mt. Olive.	
Corinth.	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store.	T. H. Rogers, Magnolia.
Antioch,	T. J. Albritton, Mt. Olive.	J. M. Grady, Mt. Olive.
Tuckahoe,	J. J. Rhodes.	J. J. Davis, Pink Hill.
Union Chapel,	J. N. Stallings, Kenansville.	M. D. Thomas, Catharine Lake.
Jacksonville,	John B. Barlow, Richlands.	J. P. Cox.
Pleasant Hill,	"	
Kinston,	L. Thorne, Kinston.	
Fort Barnwell,	No regular pastor.	
Newbern,	A. D. Cohen, Newbern,	Newbern.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the Eastern Association.

ART. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ART. 3. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates.

ART. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the state of the church.

ART. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen from among its members, by ballot, by a majority of the members voting, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session and superintend their printing and distribution among the churches.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches or collected during the session of this body and disburse the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

ART. 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee, consisting of not less than five or more than seven members; which com-

mittee shall have the superintendence of Associational missions and Colportage. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and during intervals between the meetings of this body, to receive and disburse funds for those objects, and to take such steps for their advancement as they shall deem advisable, and shall make an annual report to the Association, of their doings.

Art. 10. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of her churches which neglect to preserve gospel order.

Art. 11. The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of the body except that of voting.

Art. 12. The annual session of this Association shall commence on Tuesday after the first Lord's day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

Art. 13. By appointment of the Association there shall be an Introductory Sermon, of a denominational character, and a Missionary sermon.

Art. 14. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence a chairman *pro tem.* shall be elected.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.

3. At each daily session, and previous to proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called and the proceedings of the previous daily session read.

4. The members shall observe towards the officers and each other, that courtesy which becomes christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak shall arise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration and avoid personalities.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.

7. All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer before discussion.

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after its discussion.

9. When a question is under discussion no motion or proposition shall be received, except to adjourn, to lay on the table; to amend, or postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

10. After a motion is decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association, without permission of the presiding officer, and no one shall take final leave of absence without the permission of the Association, and if any shall do so the names of such shall be stricken from the roll.

12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13. The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to its consideration.

14. The rules of order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a majority of votes.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1 Organization.
2 Appointment of Committees.
3 Reading of Church Letters.
4 Call for Petitionary Letters.
5 Reception of Corresponding delegates and visitors.
6 The appointment of Corresponding delegates.
7 Report of Standing Committees.
8 Report of Special Committees.
9 Report of Trustees of Ministers' Relief Society.
10 Report of Treasurer.
11 Motions and Resolutions.
12 Miscellaneous Business.
13 Adjournment.

RULES OF DECORUM FOR THE CHURCHES.

1 We will hold at least four conference meetings in year for the transaction of business; also special meetings whenever requisite.

2 The names of the members shall be called at every regular meeting, and there shall be due notice taken of the absence of those who discover a disposition to absent themselves.

3 At every conference the pastor, in right of his office, shall presid as Moderator; and in case of his absence, the conference shall appoint a Moderator *pro tem.*, who shall open conference by devotional exercises, or call on some other brother to do it for him.

4 The Clerk shall keep a Church Book, in which all the proceedings of the conference shall be faithfully transcribed, and at every regular meeting the minutes of the preceding meeting shall be read immediately after the names are called.

5 An invitation shall be given to brethren of our faith and order to sit with us in conference, who shall enjoy all the privileges of the meeting, except that of voting.

6 A door shall be opened for the reception of members; and in any instance, receiving to fellowship shall be by unanimous vote.

7 Every subject for the consideration of conference shall be introduced by a motion, which, when seconded, shall be debatable and acted upon, unless withdrawn by the mover with the consent of the second.

8 Every speaker shall rise and address the Moderator by the appellation of brother, and shall confine his remarks to the subject under debate, and shall not be allowed to speak more than twice on one subject, except by permission from the Moderator.

9 No member shall withdraw from the conference without the permission of the Moderator.

10 It shall be required that in matters of difference between members, before complaint is made to the church, the aggrieved party shall have duly attended to the instructions of our Lord, Matt. 18th chapter,

16th, 17th and 18th verses, and public offences or such as operate against the peace of the church, shall be the subject of discipline.

11 All questions submitted to the conference shall be decided by a majority of votes, except receiving members to fellowship; and any question may be reconsidered upon the motion of any who voted in the affirmative.

12 The Moderator shall propound all questions for vote—shall keep the speakers to the subject under debate—may express his own views, after others are done speaking, and see that these rules are faithfully observed.

13 These Rules of Decorum may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the whole church.

Resolved That this Association recommend the adoption of the foregoing rules to all the churches that comprise this body.

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PROCEEDINGS.

BEAR-MARSH, DUPLIN CO., N C., }
Tuesday, October 8th, 1867. }

The Introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. M. Young from Colossians 5 : 11. "But Christ is all, and in all."

After an intermission of half an hour the delegates assembled in the house, and the Association was called to order by the Moderator, Elder W. M. Kennedy. Prayer by Elder J. D. Huf ham. Pastor and Deacons of the church were appointed a committee on religious exercises.

The list of churches was called, and the following delegates were enrolled:

Wilmington—W. M. Young.
Mt. Holly—Isaiah Carroll, J. S. Newton.
Moore's Creek—C. P. Moore.
Bethlehem—James Pridgen.
Marshall's M. H.—
Riley's Creek—H. E. Carr, W. W. Larkins.
Shiloh—W. J. Herring, H. S. Averett,
Wells' Chapel—L. Highsmith, S. J. Faison, J. S. Devane.
Bethel—O. M. Matthews, Joseph Alderman.
Lisbon—J. O. Herring, A R. Herring.
Mt. Gilead—John Vann, A. C. Peterson.
New Hope—A. B. Carroll, J. F. Daniel.
Boykin's Chapel—H. McAlpin, J. L, Boykin, M. M. Killett.
White Oak—G. W. Bennett, W. Royal.
Brown's M. H.—Amos Royal.
Beulah—A. M. Faison, J. R. Marable, J. M. Millard.
Piney Grove (Sampson)—R. R. Bell, J. C. Hines, G. Clute.
Rowan—R. J. Bell, J. W. Bell, T. O. Kelly.
Clinton—John W. Brown, J. L. Stewart.

Canaan—Wm. Bennett, T. Underwood.
Mt. Zion—S B. Andrews, N. M. Newton.
French's Creek—
Haw Bluff—H. G. Barnhill, J. R Barnhill, J. J. Croom.
Nat Moore Creek—
Mt. Olive—O. Norris, H. J. Williamson.
Falling Creek—H. L Patterson, J. H. Wiggs, J. L. Britt.
Bear Marsh—B Oliver, M. A. Albritton, J. Branch.
Warsaw—I. Royal, S. M. Carlton, B. C. Bowden.
Johnson's M. H.—G. S. Best, W. M. Kennedy, W. H. Best.
Kenansville—D. J. Middleton, J. N. Stallings, G. A. Newell.
Beaverdam—J. D. Carroll, L. R. Carroll, J. W. Swinson.
Concord—R. J. Strickland, Wm. Brice.
Berea—D. H. Murray.
Island Creek—R. Wallace.
Hallesville—J. T. Carroll.
Corinth—Samuel C. Register, T. H. Rogers.
Antioch—
Prospect- By letter.
Chinquepin—By letter.
Piney Grove (Jones)—
Tuckahoe—W. H. Banks, J. F. Cox.
Newberne—W. A. Kingsbury.
Brice's Creek—
Fort Barnwell—
Beaufort—By letter.
Smyrna—By letter.
Woodville—
Kinston—Jesse Jackson.
Woodenton—
Union—
Washington—
Union Chapel—J. M. Wooten.
Jackson—
Pleasant Hill—J. B. Barlow.
Dobson's Chapel—By letter.
Davis' Shore—By letter.
Young Bethel—By letter.
Ebenezer—Kedar Vann, G. M. Tatum.

Proceeded to organize. A. Royal and W. W. Larkins were appointed to conduct the election of Moderator. H.

E. Carr and S. J. Faison, to conduct the election of Clerk. J. D. Carroll and H. S. Averett the election of Treasurer. Result, Elder W. M. Kennedy was re-elected Moderator, Isham Royal, Clerk and S. J. Faison, Treasurer.

The following committees were appointed:

To nominate Executive Committee, J. D. Carroll, J. L. Boykin, J. S. Devane.

To nominate Trustees of Warsaw High School, B. Oliver, J. M. Millard, G. W. Huf ham.

On Obituaries, J. D Huf ham, J. T. Albritton, H. S. Averett, J. S. Devane.

Sabbath Schools, H. McAlpin, G. Clute, C. P. Moore.

Religious Publications, J. B. Hardwick, J. R. Marable, A. M. Faison.

Ministerial Support, J. L. Stewart, J. Utley, H. E. Carr, H. G. Barnhill.

Foreign Missions, W. M. Young, J. R. Oliver, O. M. Matthews.

To Audit account of Treasurer of Association, J. M. Wooten, J. L. Boykin, L. Highsmith.

To Audit account of Treasurer of Executive Committee, W. W. Larkins, J. G. Branch, A. B. Carroll.

To nominate delegates to Baptist State Convention, Elders W. M. Kennedy, G. W. Huf ham and brother D. J. Middleton.

To nominate ministers to preach stated sermons at next session, brethren S. J. Faison, J. C. Hines, John Vann.

Finance, brethren L. Highsmith, A. R. Herring, J. M. Millard.

Spiritual condition of the churches, Elders J. N. Stallings and J. L. Stewart and brother Isaiah Carroll.

On revision of Constitution and rules of Decorum for the churches, Elders W. M. Young, J. N. Stallings, G. W. Huf ham and brother B. Oliver.

On motion, rules of order suspended, and an invitation extended to corresponding and visiting brethren.

Elder J. B. Hardwick reported himself as corresponding delegate from the Pamlico Association, and the representative of the board of Domestic Missions of the Southern Baptist Convention.

I. Royal, Clerk of Association, presented copies of the minutes of Beulah Association, also a copy of the minutes of Flat River Association.

Elder J. L. Stewart and brother L. R. Carroll were appointed Assistant Clerks, and the letters from the churches were read. The letter from Riley's Creek stated that their house of worship had been burned down by incendiaries, and asked for aid to rebuild. On motion laid on the table.

On motion that portion of the letter from Beulah relating to the death of Elder L. F. Williams, referred to committee on Obituaries, and laid on the table.

Committee on religious exercises reported the following: Prayer Meeting to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock to be conducted by Elder W. M. Kennedy, preaching at 10 by Elder J. L Stewart, at 11 by Elder J. B. Hardwick, in the evening by Elder J. D. Hufham.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by Elder Utley.

Benediction by Moderator.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 9TH, 1867.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Religious exercises conducted by Elder Kennedy. Association called to order. Prayer by Elder McAlpin.

Roll called. Minutes of yesterday read. The reading of the letters finished. The letter from Haw Bluff laid on the table.

Petitionary letters called for. The churches at Dobson's

Chapel, Davis' Shore, Young Bethel and Ebenezer, petitioned to become members of the body. On motion they were received.

Elder J. L. Carroll accepted an invitation to visiting brethren, and reported himself as corresponding delegate from the Flat River Association; he also laid on the table 100 copies of the proceedings of the Baptist State Convention.

The following appointments were made to corresponding bodies:

Pamlico Association, Jesse Jackson, Elder J. T. Albritton.

Cedar Creek, Elders A. Guy, J. L. Stewart and brother Joseph Alderman.

Cape Fear, Elder W. M. Kennedy.

Flat River, Elders J. N. Stallings, W. M. Kennedy and W. A. Kingsbury.

Resolved, That the proposition from Beulah Association, to correspond by Minutes, be received; and we also appoint delegates to said Association.

Appointed Elders J. D. Hufham and W. M. Young.

Elder J. N. Stallings was appointed to write a letter of correspondence to sandy Creek Association.

Resolved, That any member of this Association, who may attend the sessions of any of the bodies with which we correspond, be authorized to act as delegates to said bodies.

Committee to nominate delegates to Baptist State Convention, submit the following as their report:

Elders J. P. Faison, G. W. Hufham, W. M. Kennedy, A. Guy, H. McAlpin, J N. Stallings, J. L. Stewart, G. S. Best, A. D. Cohen, W. M. Young, A. P. Repiton, J. D Hufham, J. R. Oliver, and brethren B. Oliver, H. E. Carr, L. Highsmith, J. H. Stevens, R. Vann, D. J. Middleton, C. P. Moore, G. R. French, I. Royal D. K. Kornegay, Joel Loftin, J. D. Carroll, J. S. Devane, Owen Fennell, S. J. Faison, G. W.

Carroll, B. F. Mitchell, A. B. Carroll, Thos. Lee, O. Alderman, H. S. Averett, Jas. K. Williams, Wm. Brice, A. M. Faison, J. C. Hines, A. Royal, J. W. Brown, T. O. Kelley, R. Herring, Samuel Anderson, J. M. Wooten, J. T. Carroll, W. W Larkins.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. KENNEDY, *Ch'm'n.*

The report on Foreign Missions was read and adopted:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to report, that they recommend to the pastors to preach, during the coming year, a sermon, setting forth the relations of the churches to the cause of Missions; her duty to send the gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth, and the blessings arising therefrom to herself.

W. M. YOUNG.

During the consideration of the above report, remarks were made by Elders Carroll and Young, urging the churches to come up to the aid of our Missionaries in Foreign lands. A collection was made for the benefit of Foreign Missions amounting to $19.00.

The committee on stated sermons for next session reported. Adopted:

The Committee to nominate ministers to preach stated sermons at next session, report as follows:

Elder J. N. Stallings, to preach the Introductory Sermon.

Elder W. M. Kennedy, Alternate.

Elder W. M. Young, to preach the Missionary Sermon.

Elder J. L. Stewart, Alternate.

S. J. FAISON,
J. C. HINES, } *Com.*
JOHN VANN,

Committee on constitutional revision and rules of Decorum for the churches reported. The report after being amended was adopted:

Your Committe beg leave to report, that they have no alteration or amendments to offer to the Constitution, but offer the following alterations to Rules of Decorum for the Churches:

3. This clause, "or call on some other brother to do it for him," to be erased.

6. Be omitted entirely.

7. "With the consent of the second," to be omitted.

8. "Except by permission from the Moderator," for "Moderator," read "Church."

The report of the committee to nominate Trustees for Warsaw High School, was read and adopted. (See inside of cover.

One o'clock, called off for half an hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Re-assembled.

On motion of Elder J. L. Stewart a committee of three was appointed to report on the spiritual instruction and religious condition of the colored members,—committee, Elders J. L. Carroll, J. L. Stewart and brother S. J. Faison.

Executive committee reported. Report received and discussed by Elders W. M. Young, J. B. Hardwick and W. A. Kingsbury, all commending the course pursued by the committee, in the economy used in the distribution of the funds, and the self-sacrifice and untiring energy, both of the committee and the Missionaries in their employ—remarks were also made by brother B. Oliver, chairman of the committee. The report was unanimously adopted:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee beg leave to submit the following:

During the year now closing, we have prosecuted the great work entrusted to us, as best we could. We have encountered trials and difficulties of no ordinary character, and the results accomplished have not been such as we could have desired. Still a careful survey of the field, and of the year's labors, ought to awaken thankfulness for the past and hope for the future.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

The receipts from all sources, since the last session of your body, have been $404 00. The expenditures for the same period have been $401 00.

MISSIONARIES.

The following brethren have been engaged as Missionaries: Elders John R. Oliver, Geo. S. Best, J. L. Stewart, J. B. Barlow, G. W. Hufham and W. A. Kingsbury.

POINTS OCCUPIED.

These brethren have labored, for longer or shorter periods, at Prospect and Chinquepin, Duplin County; Pleasant Hill, Flavel Hill, Jacksonville and Bay Meeting House, Onslow county; Clinton and Ebenezer, Sampson county; Christian Chapel, Lenoir county; and Davis's Shore, Smyrna and other points in Carteret.

RESULTS.

Elder John R. Oliver, who has been laboring at Prospect and Christian Chapel, writes: "Owing to the demoralized condition of our once happy land, efforts for good seem almost fruitless. Not a single addition has been made this year. Indifference to religion prevails to an alarming extent. In some respects the people are apparently more hardened than they have been at any period within my knowledge. . . . . Without here stating all the reasons for my course, I ask to be relieved from further service in that region. I do not wish the work to be abandoned, but perhaps some new man may do better there."

Though our brother seems so much discouraged, we have good reason to believe that his faithful, earnest labor at these places has not been in vain, and that an abundant harvest will yet be gathered by him or some more favored servant of the Lord, from the seed sown in sadness and tears.

Elder George S. Best, who has been preaching once a month at Chinquepin, states, in his last report, that there have been three accessions to the church at that place—two by letter and one by baptism—and there are hopeful indications in the congregation.

Elder J. B. Barlow has been laboring in Onslow, and has baptized several during the year. He also reports encouraging signs in his field. The section in which he has been engaged has been entirely destitute of such preaching as unfolds and enforces the "glorious gospel of the blessed God," according to our views of it; and if he can be sustained till he succeeds in building up a permanent interest

there, a great point will have been gained. It has been the purpose of your Committee steadily kept in view, to extend our borders gradually into those communities which are either entirely deprived of the preached word or have it with a large admixture of error.

Elder J. L. Stewart has been preaching at Clinton and at Ebenezer, formerly Fork Meeting House. At the former place he has seen but little to encourage him. From the latter he sends pleasant tidings His services there commenced in August. He writes: "Brother McAlpin was with me. We preached eleven days, and we praise God that our feeble efforts were blessed to the conversion of many souls. Twenty persons were baptized, and that church, which had become extinct, was re-organized with about fifty members. It now sets out afresh with bright prospects, and we may hope that at an early day it will be self-sustaining."

In addition to the labors already specified, we may mention that, at the request of your committe, Elder J. R. Oliver visited Beaufort some time since. He found the church scattered and discouraged and disorganized, and their house of worship occupied by the negroes. Stimulated by his exortations they have reoccupied the house, and Elder J. Utley has been preaching to them once a month with acceptance and with indications of the Divine presence and approval. It is a matter for gratitude that this ground was once held by the Association is again enjoying the ministrations of one of our brethren.

Elder George W. Huf ham has also spent twenty-nine days in visiting and conferring with our Primitive brethren near the coast, to see whether they could not be induced to abandon their opposition and co-operate with us in the future. He was very kindly received, and though nothing tangible was accomplished we may hope for good from these conferences in the future.

REVIEW.

This hasty and imperfect review of the year will show that if the enterprise has not been carried on on a scale commensurate with its importance, and with the extent and demands of the field to be occupied, there has at last been a disposition to work, and that more has been accomplished than could have been expected from the small amount of funds placed at our disposal. In one instance a disorganized and extinct church has been revived; and strengthened by the conversion and reception of twenty souls, has started out with brightening prospects. Other churches which, unaided, must have died, have been supplied with stated preaching; and at some of them, precious souls have been converted to God. We have also been able, though to a limited extent, to send the Gospel into regions which

have hitherto been entirely destitute. Even the difficulties and discouragements reported by some of the missionaries should only stimulate us to greater efforts in the future. These places are important as centres of influence, and as intrenched camps from which to advance to other conquests.

NEW FIELDS.

While the Lord has been blessing the small amount of effort already put forth, and has thus spoken to his people to go forward, He has at the same time been opening new fields and inviting us to enter. If the means were placed at our disposal at least half a dozen missionaries could be profitably employed in places which have hitherto been strangers to the pure word of truth. Elder A. D. Cohen, of Newbern, who has given some attention to the matter, writes: "There are miles and miles of country in the coast region, destitute of preaching except as a traveling minister pays them an occasional visit. Then the people manifest great anxiety to hear, and listen attentively. A meeting was recently held, with gracious results, at Davis's shore. Brethren Utley, Leary and Kingsbury went over there a week or more ago and organized a promising church. Brother Kingsbury is there now. It is with special reference to this brother that I now write. He is a young man who has not quite finished his education, but wishes to do something in the Lord's service and desires to preach to the destitute . . . . . Would it not be well, to secure him, if possible, as our Missionary in that section? He could visit the straits, where there is now a splendid opening for Baptist influence; feed the young church at Davis's shore; supply the church at Smyrna and preach at Morehead City;—thus laboring usefully in a field which it is important for us to occupy."

On receipt of brother Cohen's letter, we forwarded an appointment as Missionary to brother K., to labor in this field. He accepted the appointment and labored several weeks, everywhere meeting with great encouragement and attended by manifestations of the Divine presence. As the result of a meeting at Smyrna, four persons were baptized. Subsequently he returned to Davis's Shore and seventeen persons were baptized at that place. He also preached at other points —in some cases where no sermon had been heard for several years But we cannot enter into details in this report.

The field occupied by brother K. is an important and inviting one, and if his services can be secured we think it would be well to sustain him there and enable him to give his whole time to it. It is for your body to decide whether this shall be done.

Several brethren have also carefully examined the wants of a portion

of Onslow county. There is a region there, which would give full employment to at least one able, energetic minister, and from which we might expect a speedy and beautiful harvest.

WHAT IS NEEDED

These are but few of the communities which are inviting us to come up and possess the land; but it is needless to specify others. The laborers can be found who, if they could hope for a partial support, would gladly go All that is needed is a larger measure of liberality on the part of the churches. The spirit, and example, and teachings of Jesus, and the claims of perishing souls, all urge them to this. May we not hope for it? May we not also hope that the next year will witness such fruits as will cheer and gladden the hearts of us all? This result is within our reach. Let us labor and pray that the opportunities now given to us, for whose improvement we are responsible, may not be lost.

B OLIVER, *Ch'm'n.*

The report on Sabbath Schools was read and adopted. Pending the adoption it was discussed at some length by Elders W. M. Young, J. B. Hardwick, J. L. Stewart, H. McAlpin and J. N. Stallings.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee have had the subject under consideration, and would report, that while they find an increasing interest being taken by the churches, they yet find a large field for improvement. According to the church letters, we find twenty Sabbath Schools, with about 1,191 scholars, one of which (Wilmington) reports that ten of its members have recently united with the church, and that its Youth's Missionary Society gave last year $60 to educate a heathen child. In connection with the above, there is one colored Sabbath School of 90 scholars reported to your committee. There are 24 churches without Sabbath Schools. Why is it that there are so many of our churches, that have not taken hold of this great work? Is it not just as important in one section as another? Are not the souls of the children as dear to those who have not engaged in this work, as they are to those who have.

Brethren, ask yourself the question; am I doing my duty to my children? Am I bringing them up "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?" How are your children spending the Sabbath day? Think of your duty to them! Are you not responsible to God for

them? Think of it. Brethren, there ought to be a Sabbath School for every church: therefore, we, the delegates present, resolve that we will make an earnest effort to establish a Sabbath School in connection with our several churches.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

The committee to nominate the executive committee reported the following, which was adopted:

The Committee to nominate an Executive Committee, submit the following report, viz: Brethren B. Oliver, Kedar Vann, H. E. Carr, L. Highsmith, D. J. Middleton, J. H. Stevens, and C. P Moore.

Respectfully,

J. D. CARROLL.

The committee on the spiritual instruction of the colored members reported. The report was received and made the first business of the session to-morrow morning.

Committee on religious exercises reported the following: Prayer meeting to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock conducted by Elder Barlow; preaching at 10 by Elder Carroll; Missionary sermon at 11 by Elder McAlpin; preaching in the evening by Elder Kingsbury.

Adjourned to meet at 9 1-2 o'clock in the morning.

Prayer by Elder Stallings. Benediction by Elder Hardwick.

THURSDAY, October 10th, 1867.

Prayer meeting conducted by Elder Barlow.

During the prayer meeting, the Trustees of Warsaw High School held a meeting to receive the report of the Principal, and to prepare a report for the Association.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Roll called. Minutes of yesterday read.

An invitation was extended to visiting brethren Elder W. T. Walters, one of the editors of the RECORDER, and Corresponding Secretary of the Board of State Missions, reported himself.

The report on the spiritual condition of the colored members, was called up and discussed by Elders Carroll, Young, J. D. Hufham and Stewart. After striking out a part of the report it was adopted.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION OF THE COLORED PEOPLE.

The Committee on the Religious Instruction of the Colored People, respectfully report, that the spiritual condition of our colorod membership is one of peculiar interest, and devolves upon us as christians, serious responsibilities. In the providence of God, their condition to us has been very materially changed, and it becomes us to conform to these altered relations, in the fear of God. The change is not one for which they are responsible, and no ill-feeling should be entertained towards them in consequence of it.

Your Committee think it highly important that the following action be recommended to the churches: That wherever there is a sufficient number of this class of membership in our churches to form a church and sustain the preaching of the gospel, they be encouraged to do so. Where this is not the case, let them be retained as before, and let our preachers be induced to preach to them more directly. We think further, that our churches should be recommended to organize and instruct them in Sunday Schools, whenever it is convenient to do so. If our brethren do not engage in this work, there will come those among them for this purpose, whose presence and influence will be anything else than agreeable to them. If the highest motives of christian duty are not sufficient to prompt them to action, there are other considerations, seriously affecting their social and political relations, to urge them to it.

J. L. CARROLL, *Ch'm'n.*

The committee on church letters reported the following:

REPORT ON CHURCH LETTERS.

The total baptisms during the year, are 472; received by letter, 165; by experience, 19; by restoration, 19; total accession, 675; total loss by dismission, exclusion and death, 384; showing a nett gain of 291;

the whole number reported, 3,839. These numbers, compared with those of last year, show, that while the Lord has blessed some of our churches and added to them such as shall be saved, the revival spirit has not been as strong as the previous year. Several of the churches have been greatly refreshed and blessed, but the greater number report coldness and indifference. The total membership reported is less, by about 200, than that reported last year, though the letters show a nett gain of 200, proving that the carelessness of Clerks, in collecting statistics of their churches, complained of last year, still exist.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

The committee of Finance submitted the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF FINANCE.

	ASSO'ATION FUND.	ITINERANT FUND.	TOTAL.
Wilmington,.	$ 5 00	$ 50 00	$ 55 00
Mt Holly.	3 95	4 65	8 60
Moore's Creek,.	5 00	7 20	12 20
Bethlehem,.	2 50		2 50
Riley's Creek,	4 35	5 85	10 20
Wells' Chapel,.	5 00	6 50	11 50
Shiloh,	5 00		5 00
Lisbon	2 75		2 75
Bethel,	2 75		2 75
Mt. Gilead,	5 00	5 00	10 00
New Hope,.	4 50		4 50
Boykins Chapel,.	3 00		3 00
White Oak	2 00	2 65	4 65
Brown's M. M,.	2 00		2 00
Beulah,	3 05	13 00	16 05
Piney Grove,.	5 00	14 00	19 00
Rowan,.	2 00		2 00
Canaan,	1 50		1 50
Mt. Zion,	2 00		2 00
Clinton,	1 50		1 50
Nat Moore Creek,.	1 00		1 00
Haw Bluff.	2 00	3 00	5 00
Mt Olive,.	50		50
Falling Creek,.	3 10		3 10
Bear Marsh,	6 05		6 05
Warsaw,.	3 50	5 10	8 60
Johnson's M H.	2 25	10 50	12 75
Kenansville,	3 00	6 75	9 75
Beaverdam,	5 00	7 50	12 50
Amount carried forward,	$ 94 25	$ 141 70	$ 235 95

Report of Finance Committe—Continued.

Amount brought forward,	$ 94 25	$ 141 70	$ 235 95
Concord,	3 00		3 00
Island Creek,	3 00		3 00
Berea,	1 80		1 80
Hallsville,	3 25		3 25
Corinth,	2 67	75	3 35
Prospect,	1 00		1 00
Chinquepin,	1 25		1 25
Tuckahoe,	1 30		1 30
Newberne,	1 00	4 00	5 00
Beaufort,	1 00		1 00
Smyrna,	1 00		1 00
Kinston,	3 25		3 20
Union Chapel,	3 00		3 00
Dobson's Chapel,	2 70		2 70
Davis' Shore,	1 50	7 00	11 50
Young Bethel,	1 00		1 00
Ebenezer,	2 00		2 00
Pleasant Hill,	1 00		1 00
Received at the collection on Wednesday, for F. Missions,			19 00
	$ 128 97	$ 153 45	$ 304 40

L. HIGHSMITH,
J. M MILLARD,
A. R. HERRING,
} *Committee.*

On motion, committee of Finance instructed to pay the amount in their hands for itinerancy to the Treasurer of Executive Committe, and the Association fund and Foreign Mission fund to Treasurer of Association.

On motion, the Executive Committee was requested to inquire into the condition of those churches, that have for some time failed to report to this body, and report the same to the next session.

The committee on Periodicals reported. Pending the motion for the adoption of the report, Elder J. B. Hardwick presented the claims of the RECORDER. The report was adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee report that it is our duty, individually and as a denomination, to sustain a denominational organ in this State. We

cannot fully estimate the value of its influence upon the church, the family and the community at large. We therefore earnestly urge our brethren to consider the claims of the BIBLICAL RECORDER, to their support and patronage.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. HARDWICK,
A. M. FAISON,
J. R. MARABLE,

The committee on obituaries reported. Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

The Committee on Obituaries submit the following:

The death of Elder L. F. WILLIAMS, which occurred on the 13th day of June, 1867, in the seventieth year of his age, or thereabout, presents itself to our consideration, as worthy of record in our report.

Elder WILLIAMS was converted under the ministry of Elder R. McNabb, about the year 1832, at which time he connected himself with the Free Will Baptists, and soon after commenced preaching. He continued with the Free Will Baptists about ten years. Becoming dissatisfied with their doctrines, especially that of open communion, he united with us, and continued steadfastly in our doctrines until his death, possessing the esteem and confidence of his numerous acquaintances. He was a devoted and useful minister: his usefulness increasing as he approached the end of his earthly journey. He was signally useful in the last few years, in buildiug up, increasing and strengthening several Churches, in the counties of New Hanover and Bladen, enfeebled by adverse circumstances. His last moments were peaceful, and we believe he has passed from his toils on earth, to the rest prepared for the people of God.

Dr. JAS. G. DICKSON, a useful and consistent member of the church at Bear Marsh, died suddenly, of appoplexy, on the 8th of September, 1867. The deceased was for a long time, a deacon of the church, and performed the duties of his office faithfully. He was, for most of the time of his membership, Clerk of the Church, and was, for a number of sessions, elected Clerk of this Association. In every christian duty he was prompt and faithful.

DR. DICKSON was a man of enlarged christian charity, and few men of his means equalled him in contributions to benevolent objects. There is not a profession, except that of the gospel ministry, which makes greater demands upon its members, for deeds of active benevolence, than the one to which he belonged; their only hope of reward being beyond this world. Such charities extended by him in his pro-

fessional life to the humble and needy, indicated a most generous heart and benevolent disposition.

We are assured that death came to him stripped of its terrors, and that he now enjoys the friendship of the saints in glory.

JOHN T. MOORE, who was for many years an active member of Moore's Creek Church, died at his residence in Caintuck, New Hanover county, on the 16th day of June, 1867, aged 41 years. Possessing an active mind, industrious and persevering, he was often chosen to fill important places in this body.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

In compliance with a request from Falling Creek church, the following was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Church at Falling Creek has asked this body to appoint a Presbytery to examine brother Asher Flowers, and ordain him to the gospel ministry, if qualified, and as it is not the province of the Association to do this, we simply request Elders W. M. Kennedy, J. L. Stewart, H. McAlpin and J. B. Hardwick, to visit said church, or request the church to send brother Flowers to meet the brethren, for this purpose, at the Convention in Goldsboro', on Thursday.

The hour for preaching the Missionrry sermon having arrived, Elder H. McAlpin preached from 1st Corinthians 1 : 21, and took up a collection for Missionary purposes.

The Association being pressed with business, did not adjourn to hear the sermon.

The report on ministerial support was read and adopted:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

Your Committee on Ministerial Support, report that the churches generally admit that it is a christian duty to support their pastors. But they content themselves that this duty is discharged, when they have made a very scanty provision for this object.

The attention of your Committee has been called to one feature of this matter, that speaks unfavorably, as we think, for christian honesty; and that is, that a large number of our churches, after sharing the labors of their pastors, and having promised a stated salary at the commencement of these labors, allow these promises to remain, in great part, unredeemed. It is useless to argue how disastrous to the cause of Christ this is, but we would suggest that this Association press upon the churches the importance of correcting this evil.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

Called off for half an hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Re-assembled.

Trustees of Warsaw High School reported. Adopted

REPORT OF TRUSTEES.

The Trustees of Warsaw High School, beg leave to submit the following report:

We are gratified to know that the school is doing well, being more prosperous than it has been, at any time since the war. The number of students in attendance during the year, has been fifty-three. The present number is forty-two. The following branches have been taught: Spelling, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Grammar, Geography, Philosophy, Algebra and Latin.

The School is now, and has been giving instruction to four or five students, free of charge.

We have the assurance of our Principal, that if the Association wil give the School its support, the School shall be made to meet the ed ucational wants of our people. We understand that the people of the village are determined to aid in building up, and making the School a permanent one.

To those who desire their children educated, the School offers the following inducements: The morals of the place are good, and there is that element in the Society of the place, which will cause it to improve. There is a regular Sabbath School in the village, conducted by the Principal of the School, aided by several good citizens.

Board can be had with good families on reasonable terms.

It is encouraging to reflect that a majority of the students who have in past years been connected with this School, have, when they arrived at the years of discretion, embraced the religion of the Bible.

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

On motion, the Treasurer was authorized to send the funds in his hands for Foreign Missions to Elder J. Taylor.

The letters from Beulah and Haw Bluff asking for th next session of the Association, called up. Agreed to hold the next session with the church at Beulah.

Treasurer of Ministers' Relief Society reported:

REPORT OF TREASURER OF MINISTER'S RELIEF SOCIETY.

DR.

Note on J. J. Whitehead, due Jan 1st, 1868. $42,	$42 00
Note on J. J. Whitehead, due Jan. 1st, 1869, $42,	42 00
Note on J. J Whitehead, $42 due Jan. 1st, 1870, do., due Jan. 1st, 1871, $42,	84 00
Note on J. J. Whitehead, $42, due Jan. 1st, 1872, do., due Jan. 1st, 1872, $700,	742 00
These notes are secured by a mortgage,	$ 910 00
I. Royal's note, due December 30th, 1865,	26 25
J. R. Oliver's note, due Oct. 1st, 1867,	15 00
D. K. Kornegay's note, due August 1st, 1867,	38 25
Total,	$989 50

D. K. KORNEGAY, *Treas.*

The committee appointed to audit the account of Treasurer of Association submitted the following:

Upon calling on the Treasurer for account, we find that he has no statement upon which to report: Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Association allow the Treasurer of the Association to report to the Clerk of the Association, whose duty it shall be to audit said account and append to the minutes.

J. M. WOOTEN,
J. L. BOYKIN,
L HIGHSMITH, } *Committe.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1866. S. J. FAISON, *Treasurer Eastern Association*, DR.

Oct 11th, To amount received at Association,	$254 35
Dec. 11th, Received of Bethel Church,	2 35
Total receipts,	$256 70

CONTRA.

1866. By amount paid Clerk for printing and circulating Minutes, his fees, &c.,	$108 50
To Treasurer of Executive Committee,	148 20
	$256 70

I have examined the above account and find it correct.

ISHAM ROYAL, *Clerk.*

The letter from the church at Riley's Creek, asking for aid to rebuild their house of worship called up, and the following was adopted:

Resolved, That this body deeply sympathize with the brethren at Riley's Creek Church, in the loss of their house of worship by an incendiary, and that the delegates of this body pledge themselves to bring the matter before their respective churches, and to solicit subscriptions to aid the brethren in rebuilding.

Elder J. B. Hardwick urged the claims of the charge upon the brethren for their aid, and $128 was secured in cash and pledges.

The Historical committee stated that they did not have sufficient facts, on which to base a report.

On motion they were allowed further time to report, and Elder J. D. Hufham added to the committee.

The report of the Treasurer of the Executive Committee was read and adopted:

REPORT OF TREASURER OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

1866. D. J. MIDDLETON, *Treasurer of Executive Committee*, DR.

Amount on hand at last Association,	$	89 68
Received from Wilmington,		15 00
" from Mt Holly,		9 13
" from Wells' Chapel,		20 00
" from Moore's Creek,		14 25
" from Association collection,		6 50
" from Bear Marsh,		29 50
" from Boykin's Chapel		23 02
" from Riley's Creek,		35 95
" from Lisbon,		12 85
" from Flavel Hill,		1 25
" from Kenansville,		13 25
" from Kinston,		25 50
" from Shiloh,		5 62
" from churches at present session,		156 70
" from collection at stand,		8 00
Total receipts,	$	466 20

CREDIT.

By counterfeit money,	$ 1 50	
By vouchers from sundry persons	459 50	
		$ 461 00
Balance in hands of Treasurer,		$ 5 20

We beg leave to report that we have examined the above account and find it correct.

W. W. LARKINS, *Chm'n.*

On motion of brother J. M. Wooten the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due, and are hereby tendered to the brethren, sisters and friends of this neighborhood, for their sacrifice for and devotion to the cause of Christ, manifested by the willingness with which they have entertained the members of this body.

On motion the Clerk was ordered to have 1500 copies of the minutes printed, and he be paid $25 for his services in transcribing, and distributing the same.

Ordered that the balance in hands of Treasurer, after paying for printing the minutes and clerk's fees, be paid to Treasurer of Executive committee.

Elders W. M. Kennedy, J. R. Oliver and J. N. Stallings were appointed a committee on Obituaries to report at next session.

The business of the Association having been finished, adjourned to meet at Beulah, Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1868.

Parting remarks were made by Moderator. Prayer by Elder Walters. The brethren sung the hymn, "I love thy kingdom Lord" &c., and gave the parting hand.

Benediction by Elder G. W. Huf ham. Thus ended a session characterized by union and harmony.

W. M. KENNEDY, Moderator.

Isham Royal, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE. No. 1.

CHURCHES.	When Cons'd.	COUNTIES.	PASTORS.	Additions. By Bap.	Additions. By Letter.	Additions. By Ex.	Restoration.	Diminu. By Letter.	Diminu. Excluded.	Diminu. Deaths,	White Mem.	Colored Mem.	Total,	From Min. of previous years
Wilmington,		New Hanover,	W. M. Young,	24	13		2	9	2	3	178		178	
Mt. Holly,		" "	W. M. Kennedy,	30	2			5		4	113	62	175	
Moore's Creek,	1833	" "	W. M. Kennedy,		9		1	4	2				228	
Bethlehem,		" "	No Pastor,	2			1	2		5			59	
Marshall's M. H.,	1837	" "	No report,											62
Riley's Creek,		" "	W. M. Kennedy,	32	4	2					94	3	97	
Shiloh,	1853	" "	J. P. Faison,		3			2	9		121	77	195	
Wells' Chapel,		" "	W. M. Kennedy,		2			4	3		184	147	331	
Bethel,		Sampson,	O M. Matthews,	7				4		1	67	26	93	
Lisbon,		"	J. L. Stewart,					5					81	
Mt. Gilead,		"	H. McAlpin,	6				3	1		96	2	98	
New Hope,		"	A. Guy,	19	3		3	10		2	128	31	159	
Boykins Chapel,	1846	"	H. McAlpin,		2	1		17	3		119	17	136	
White Oak,	1847	"	No Pastor,	40			2	4			107	47	154	
Browns' M. H.,	1828	"	J. R. Oliver,							2	24	39	63	
Beulah,	1814	"	J. L. Stewart,		2			1		2	59	62	121	
Piney Grove,	1846	"	H. McAlpin,		2			3	1	2	150	22	172	
Rowan,	1759	"	W. H. Howard,		3						77	26	103	
Clinton,	1855	"	J. L. Stewart,	1	3			4					35	
Canaan,	1858	"	J. R. Oliver,	6	1						25	4	29	
Ebenezer,	1867		J. L. Stewart,	19	20								39	
Mt. Zion,	1845	Bladen,	No Pastor,								16	25	41	
French's Creek,	1850	"	No Report,											67
Haw Bluff,	1859	"	H. P. Brinson,							2	56		56	
Nat. Moore Creek,		"	J. M. Register,	10									39	

Mt. Olive,	1863	Wayne,	No Pastor,												80
Fallin Creek,		"	C. J. Nelson,	29	2	3	2	2			76	5	81		
Bear-Marsh,	1835	Duplin,	J. N. Stallings,	13	4			6	5	4	180	89	269		
Warsaw,	1855	"	A. Guy,	27	15			1	5	1	136	29	165		
Johnson's M. H.,		"	G. S. Best,	74				5		3	166	64	230		
Kenansville,		"	J. N. Stallings,	3	2			101					60		
Beaverdam,		"	A. Guy,	2	9			3	3		161	25	185		
Concord,		"	A. Guy,	17	2		4	8	1		81	74	155		
Berea,	1844	"	J. P. Faison,	18	1		1	3	3	4	102	11	112		
Island Creek,	1803	"	J. E. King,	8	2			5	8	2	125	28	153		
Halisville,	1850	"	J. E. King,	2			1	19	12		118	54	173		
Corinth,		"	J. P. Faison,	5	5				1	1	62	1	63		
Antioch,	1858	"	No report,												11
Prospect,		"	J. R. Oliver,					29	2	1			35		
Chinquepin,	1860	"	G. S. Best,	1	2								37		
Piney Grove,	1841	Jones,	No report,												43
Tuckahoe,	1865		J. J. Rhodes,	5	1	6		1			37	7	44		
Newberne,		Craven,	A. D. Cohen,	13	14			1		3			109		
Bruce's Creek,	1854		No report,												
Fort Barnwell,			No report,												11
Beaufort,		Carteret,	Jacob Utley,	25	19								53		
Smyrna,		"	T. J. Leary,	4	1		2	8		6	28	3	31		
Woodville,		"	No report,												
Davis's Shore,	1867	"	T. J. Leary,	31							44	3	47		
Young Bethel,	1867	"	T. J. Leary,										40		
Kinston,		Lenoir,	L. Thorne,		1				1	2	20	16	36		
Woodenton,	1858	"	No report,												47
Union,		"	No report,												44
Washington,		Beaufort,	No report,												84
Union Chapel,		Onslow,		8		7					79	10	89		
Jacksonville,	1865	"	No report,												12
Pleasant Hill,	1865	"	J. B. Barlow,						1	1	27	4	31		
Dobson's Chapel,	1867	Duplin,	G. S. Best,	1	16								45		
				472	165	19	19	270	63	51	3057	1013	4927	461	

Total reported,.....4927.
Total Membership,.....5388.

TABLE No. 2.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS	POST OFFICES.
Wilmington,	J. W. Collins,	Wilmington,
Mt. Holly,	B. Carroll,	Camera.
Moore's Creek,	V. N. Sewell,	
Riley's Creek,	W. W. Larkins,	Rocky Point.
Shiloh,	H. S. Averett,	
Wells' Chapel,	G. W. Highsmith,	Harrell's Store.
Bethel,		
Lisbon,	Richard Herring,	Clinton,
Mt. Gilead,	R. K. Pearson,	Clinton.
New Hope,	J. L. Carroll,	Six Runs,
Boykin's Chapel,	B. Mathews,	Clinton,
White Oak,	G. W. Bennett,	Clinton,
Brown's M. H.,	A. Royal,	Piney Grove,
Beulah,	J. M. Millard,	Clinton,
Piney Grove,	R. R. Bell,	Clinton,
Rowan,	T. O. Kelly,	Clinton.
Clinton,	G. W. Marsh,	Clinton.
Canaan,	Thos. Underwood,	Newton Grove.
Ebenezer,	Robert Highsmith,	Clinton.
Mt. Zion,	Samuel Anders,	Black River Chapel.
Haw Bluff,	J. R Barnhill,	
Nat Moore Creek,	B. Evans,	Black Rock.
Mt. Olive,	H. J. Williamson,	Mt. Olive.
Falling Creek,	G. S. Peterson,	Goldsboro'.
Bear Marsh,	A. S Davis,	Mt. Olive.
Warsaw,	B. C. Bowden,	Warsaw.
Johnson's M. H.,	D. W. Moore,	Warsaw.
Kenansville,	G. A. Newell,	Kenansville.
Beaverdam,	G. W. Carroll,	
Concord,	J. W. Taylor,	Magnolia.
Berea,	R. J. Johnson,	Camera.
Island Creek,	S. H. Cavenaugh,	Wallace.
Hallsville,	J. T. Carroll,	Kenansville.
Corinth,	T. H. Rogers,	Magnolia.
Prospect,	Name not given.	
Chinquepin,	H. G. Maxwell,	
Dobson's Chapel,	J. T. Carroll,	Kenansville.
Tuckahoe,	J. J. Davis,	Pink Hill.
Newberne,	Wm. J. Ballinger.	Newberne.
Beaufort,	T. C. Harden,	Beaufort.
Davis's Shore,	I. F. Willis,	Beaufort.
Smyrna,	Name not given.	Beauforr.
Young Bethel,	Name not given.	Beaufort.
Kinston,	P. Hardee,	Kinston.
Pleasant Hill,	J. R. Marshall,	
Union Chapel,	M. D. Thomas,	Catherine Lake.

P. S. Several of the churches have failed to give the name of the Clerks and the Post Offices. They are requested to give them, in the next report, also the amount of all funds expended, and for what objects, and the number of teachers and pupils in their Sabbath Schools.

CLERK.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the Eastern Association.

ART. 2. The objects of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ART. 3. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates.

ART. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter, certifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the state of the church.

ART. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen from among its members, by ballot, by a majority of the members voting, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session and superintend their printing and distribution among the churches.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches or collected during the session of this body and disburse the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

ART. 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee,

consisting of not less than five or more than seven members; which committee shall have the superintendence of Associational missions and Colportage. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and during intervals between the meetings of this body, to receive and disburse funds for those objects, and to take such steps for their advancement as they shall deem advisable, and shall make an annual report to the Association, of their doings.

Art. 10. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of her churches which neglect to preserve gospel order.

Art. 11. The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of the body except that of voting.

Art 12. The annual session of this Association shall commence on Tuesday after the first Lord's day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

Art. 13. By appointment of the Association, there shall be an Introductory Sermon, of a denominational character, and a Missionary Sermon.

Art. 14. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence, a chairman *pro tem.* shall be elected.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.

3. At each daily session, and previous to proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called and the proceedings of the previous daily sessions read.

4. The members shall observe towards the officers and each other, that courtesy which becomes christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak shall arise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration and avoid personalities.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.

7. All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer before discussion.

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after its discussion.

9. When a question is under discussion no motion or proposition shall be received, except to adjourn, to lay on the table; to amend, or postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

10. After a motion is decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association, without permission of the presiding officer, and no one shall take final leave of absence without the permission of the Association, and if any shall do so the names of such shall be stricken from the roll.

12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13. The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to its consideration.

14. The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a majority of votes.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Organization.
2. Appointment of Committees.
3. Reading Church Letters.
4. Call for Petitionary Letters.
5. Reception of Corresponding Delegates and Visitors.
6. The appointment of Corresponding Delegates.
7. Report of Standing Committees.
8. Report of Special Committees.
6. Report of Trustees of Ministers' Relief Society.
10. Report of Treasurer.
11. Motions and Resolutions
12. Miscellaneous Business.
13. Adjournment.

RULES OF DECORUM FOR THE CHURCHES.

1. We will hold at least four Conference meetings in the year for the transaction of business; also special meetings whenever requisite.

2. The names of the members shall be called at every regular meeting, and there shall be due notice taken of the absence of those who discover a disposition to absent themselves.

3. At every Conference, the pastor, in his right of office, shall preside as Moderator; and in case of his absence, the Conference shall appoint a Moderator *pro tem.*, who shall open Conference by devotional exercises.

4. The Clerk shall keep a Church Book, in which all the proceedings of the Conference shall be faithfully transcribed, and at every regular meeting the minutes of the preceding meeting shall be read immediately after the names are called.

5. An invitation shall be given to brethren of our faith and order to sit with us in Conference, who shall enjoy all the privileges of the meeting, except that of voting.

6 Every subject for the consideration of the Conference shall be introduced by a motion, which, when seconded, shall be debated and acted upon, unless withdrawn by the mover.

7. Every speaker shall rise and address the Moderator by the appellation of brother, and shall confine his remarks to the subject under debate, and shall not be allowed to speak more than twice on one subjecct, except by permission of the Church.

8. No member shall withdraw from the Conference without the permission of the Moderator.

9. It shall be required that in matters of difference between members, before complaint is made to the church, the aggrieved party shall have duly attended to the instructions of our Lord, Matt. 18th chapter, 16th, 17th and 18th verses, and public offences or such as operate against the peace of the church, shall be the subject of discipline.

10. All questions submitted to the Conference shall be decided by a majority of votes, except receiving members to fellowship; and any question may be reconsidered upon the motion of any who voted in the affirmative.

11. The Moderator shall propound all questions for vote—shall keep the speakers to the subject under debate—may express his own views, after others are done speaking, and see that these rules are faithfully observed.

12. These Rules of Decorum may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the whole church.

Resolved, That this Association recommend the adoption of the foregoing rules to all the churches that comprise this body.

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OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION,

ELDER HUGH McALPIN, MODERATOR, Clinton, N. C.
ISHAM ROYAL, CLERK, Warsaw, N. C,
S. J. FAISON, TREASURER, Harrell's Store, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

B. OLIVER, Chm'n, Mt. Olive,
H. E. CARR, Sec., Rocky Point,
D. J. MIDDLETON. Treas.,
L. HIGHSMITH,
KEDAR VANN,
C. P. MOORE,
J. H. STEVANS.

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A Guy,	H. McAlpin,	J. D. Carroll,
G. S. Best,	J. H. Stevens,	J. L. Stewart,
J. C. Hines,	D. J. Middleton,	Lewis Carroll,
D. K. Kornegay,	A. M. Faison,	J. N. Stallings,
G. W. Carroll,	H. E. Carr,	S. J. Faison,
R. R. Bell,	O. M. Matthews,	J. W. Swinson,
J. S. Devane,	J. G. Branch,	O. Alderman,
J. P. Faison,	G. A. Newell,	Joel Loftin.

PROCEEDINGS.

BEULAH, SAMPSON COUNTY, N. C., }
Thursday, Oct. 6th, 1868. }

The Eastern Association convened according to appointment.

The Introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. N Stallings, from 97th Psalm, 1st verse: "The Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitudes of the isles be glad thereof."

After a short intermission, the delegates assembled in the house. In the absence of Elder Kennedy, former Moderator, Elder McAlpin was appointed Moderator, *pro tem*, who read the 92nd Psalm. Elder Best lead in prayer.

The list of churches was called, a majority being represented, proceeded to organize.

Brethren S. J. Faison and H. E. Carr, were appointed to superintend the election of Moderator. Kedar Vann and J. D. Carroll, to superintend the election of Clerk. C. H. Smith and J. M. Millard, to superintend the election of Treasurer.

Result: Elder H. McAlpin, elected Moderator; Isham Royal, re-elected Clerk; and S. J. Faison re-elected Treas.

Elder J. L. Stewart and brethren J. H. Stevens, H. E. Carr, J. R. Marable and Joel Hines were appointed a committee on religious exercises.

The names of the following delegates were enrolled:

Wilmington, B. F. Mitchell, A. Alderman.

Mt. Holly, Isaiah Carroll.

Moore's Creek, C. P. Moore, H. M. Croom, M. Moore.

Bethlehem, J. F. Pridgen.*
Marshall's M. H.
Riley's Creek, H. E. Carr, Joel Hines, W. W. Larkins.
Shiloh, H. D. Marshburn, W. J. Herring.
Well's Chapel, S. J. Faison, Owen Fennell.
Bethel, O. M. Matthews,* M. H. Oates, J. E. Alderman.
Lisbon, D. S. Matthews, R. Herring
Mt. Gilead, John Vann, S. Peterson, B. Matthews.
New Hope, A. J. Daniel, C. H. Smith, A. B. Carroll.
Boykin's Chapel, H. McAlpin, J. L. Boykin, H. J. Hobbs.
White Oak, G. W. Bennett.
Brown's M. H.
Beulah, F. B. Millard, A. M. Faison, J. R. Marable.
Piney Grove, (Sampson), J. C. Hines, G. Clute, R. R. Bell.
Rowan, R. J. Bell, J. W. Bell.
Clinton, A. S. C. Rowell, J. L. Stewart.
Canaan.
Ebenezer, K. Vann, Robert Highsmith, L. W. Highsmith.
Mt. Zion, S. B. Andrews.
French's Creek.
Haw Bluff, P. C. Colvin, H. G. Barnhill, A. J. Barnhill.
Nat Moore Creek.
Mt. Olive.
Falling Creek, H. L. Peterson.
Bear Marsh, J. T. Albritton, B. Oliver, J. Lofton.
Warsaw, I. Royall, H. J. Carlton.
Johnson's M. H., G. S. Best,* W. C. Carlton.
Kenansville, J. N. Stallings, D. J. Middleton.
Beaverdam, J. D. Carroll.
Concord, Wm. Brice, W. A. Heath, J. W. Taylor.
Berea.
Island Creek, H. T. Savage.
Hallsville, J. D. Brown, D. B. Brown.
Corinth, Joseph Boone, D. S. Register.
Antioch.
Prospect, J. J. Rhodes.
Chinquepin.

Dobson's Chapel, J. H. Locker, O. D. Bostick.
Piney Grove, (Jones.)
Tuckahoe, Letter.
New Berne, W. A. Kingsbury
Brice Creek.
Fort Barnwell, Letter.
Beaufort, Letter.
Smyrna.
Woodville.
Kinston.
Woodenton, Letter.
Union.
Washington.
Union Chapel.
Jacksonville.
Pleasant Hill.
Davis Shore, Letter.
Young Bethel, Letter.

P. S. Those marked thus * were absent part of the session.

The following committees were appointed :

To nominate Executive Committee, J. L. Boykin, J. W. Taylor, G. Clute and R. Highsmith.

To nominate Trustees of Warsaw High School, H. E. Carr, J. D. Carroll, J. D. Brown.

Sunday Schools, W. A. Kingsbury, G. Clute and I. Royall.

Religious publications, J. N. Stallings, B. Oliver and G. S. Best.

Ministerial support and Ministerial gifts, S. J. Faison, J. T. Albritton and J. D. Carroll.

Foreign Missions, J. L. Stewart, J. L. Boykin and R. R. Bell.

To audit account of Treasurer of Association, J. R. Marable, J. C. Hines and A. J. Barnhill.

To audit account of Treasurer of Executive committee, B. Matthews, D. S. Matthews and G. W. Bennett.

To nominate delegates to Baptist State Convention, H. J. Hobbs, G. S. Best and J. Vann.

To nominate ministers to preach stated sermons at next session, S. Peterson, Joel Lofton and F. B. Millard.

Committee on Finance, J. L. Boykin, D. J. Middleton, and S. J. Faison.

Spiritual condition of churches, J. L. Stewart, W. A. Kingsbury and J. J. Rhodes.

Committee on standing order of business, J. L. Stewart, J. N. Stallings and B. Oliver.

Committee on Temperance, G. Clute, K. Vann and W. A. Kingsbury.

Committee on religious exercises reported the following: Elder Matthews to preach to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock, Elder Kingsbury at 11 and Elder Albritton at 2 P. M.

Proceeded to read the church letters. Elder J. L. Stewart and brother J. M. Millard were appointed assistant clerks. The letters from Well's Chapel, Lisbon and New Hope, asking for the next session of the Association, and the letter from White Oak, petitioning for a letter of dismission to unite with the Cedar Creek Association, were laid on the table.

On motion, adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, 9½ o'clock. Prayer by Elder Rhodes.

Benediction by the Moderator.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 7.

Met according to adjournment. The Moderator read 51st Psalm. Prayer by Elder Walters.

Roll called. Proceedings of yesterday read.

An invitation extended to visiting and corresponding brethren. Elder Walters reported himself as Corresponding Secretary of Baptist State Mission Board and asked the privilege of presenting the claims of State Missions to that body.

Brother J. H. Mills, editor of *Biblical Recorder*, also accepted the invitation, and laid a package of minutes of the Convention on the table.

Resumed the reading of church letters. The letter from Tuckahoe referred to the executive committee.

A letter was read from Elder Kennedy former Moderator, who was absent on account of sickness, asking that the united prayers of this body may be offered to the Lord, that he will in mercy sanctify his affliction to his souls eternal interest.

On motion, the request was granted, and whenever prayer is made, we will remember Elder Kennedy.

The letter from Wilmington asking this body to suggest some plan by which we may aid them in completing their house of worship, laid on the table.

The following appointments were made to corresponding bodies:

Pamlico Association, Elder W. A. Kingsbury, J. T. Albritton and A. D. Cohen.

Cedar Creek, Elder J. L. Steward and brethren A. S. C. Powell and Kedar Vann.

Cape Fear, Elders A. P. Repiton, J. N. Stallings and W. M. Kennedy.

The clerk was ordered to write letters of correspondence to Sandy Creek, Flat River, Beulah and Central Associations, and send them minutes.

Resolved, That any member of this Association, who may attend the sessions of any of the bodies with whom we correspond, be authorized to act as delegates to said bodies,

Executive committee reported, report adopted.

During the consideration of the report, remarks were made by brethren B. Oliver and B. F. Mitchell and Elders W. T. Walters, J. L. Stewart, J. N. Stallings and J. T. Albritton.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Executive Committee submit the following report:

Since our last report we have done what we could in the prosecution of the work entrusted to their care. The means sent up by the churches have been very small, amounting to only about $200. This amount has been expended, as we have thought, to the best advantage, in the employmeut of Elder J. J. Rhodes, who has spent his entire time in laboring under our directions at Prospect, in Du-

plin county, Woodenton and Christian Chapel in Lenoir county, Tuckahoe and Piney Grove, in Jones county, and in the assistance of the churches at Clinton in Sampson county, and Chinquepin in Duplin county, in supporting their pastors. The means at our command have been too limited to enable us to do any more, though there has been abundant opportunity to do a great deal if we had only had the funds.

The results of the labors of the brethren in our employ have been such as to greatly encourage us, and to call for profound gratitude to almighty God. At Prospect, Elder Rhodes has baptized 2; at Woodenton 10; at Christian Chapel 4; at Tuckahoe 4. He is greatly encouraged by the prospect of building up permanent interests at these points, which are very important as centres of influence. The reports of the pastor of the Clinton church are of a very encouraging character, he having baptized 15 during the year, and having large and very attentive and apparently interested congregations. While the pastor of the Chinquepin church has baptized 5 at that point and reports very decided religious interest in the congregation.

Surely there is enough in all this to cause us to thank God, take courage, and press forward in this glorious work. We have done all we could in this work with the little pittance placed at our disposal by the churches. And the Lord of the harvest has graciously smiled upon us in our feebleness, and blessed the labors of our Missionaries.

The importance of this work cannot be overstated. The places at which we have been laboring must still be fostered, or what has been done will be measurably lost, and there are scores of other places within our bounds which ought to be occupied and cultivated. There are a number of places, in the knowledge of your committee, where the people would gladly receive the preached word, but are unable to procure the services of ministers, and we are unable to assist them for the want of means, while there are hundreds of miles of territory which is one vast scene of spiritual destitution.

Brethren, shall the few scattered sheep in this destitute region, who are hungering and thirsting for the bread and water of eternal life go down to the grave without the gospel, while it is in our power by a use of the means God has given us to satisfy their wants? Shall sinners, at our very doors, perish unreconciled to God, while we whom God has so blessed, refuse to give them the gospel by which they might be saved? Oh, that each christian could think of this matter and prayerfully ask, "Lord what wilt thou have me to do?" then we feel sure your committees hands would not be tied the ensuing year for want of means to send the gospel to these perishing souls.

In order that you may more clearly understand the true condition of things we beg leave to submit for your consideration, a letter received by us from Elder Thos. J. Tracy, who resides near Beaufort.

Consider these things brethren, and act in the fear of, and for the glory of God, that his divine blessing may attend you. Remember that "there is that scattereth, and yet increaseth, and there is that withstandeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty. The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself." Prov. xi: 24, 25.

B. OLIVER, Chm'n.

1 1-4 o'clock. Intermission of $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour.

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2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Re-assembled. Committee to nominate preachers for stated sermons at next session reported. Adopted.

We the committee to nominate ministers to preach stated sermons at next session of Association, report as follows: Elder J. R. Oliver to preach Introductory sermon, Alternate, Elder G. S. Best; Missionary Sermon, Elder J. C. Hiden, Alternate, Elder W. M. Kennedy. Respectfully submitted,

S. PETERSON,
J. LOFTON, } Com.
F. B. MILLARD.

Committee on ministerial support, and ministerial gifts, read a report, which after discussion was adopted:

Your committee appointed to report on the subjects of ministerial support, and seeking out ministerial gifts in the churches, beg leave to submit:

That in regard to ministerial support, every member of the church should resolve that he would set apart for every meeting of his church, a certain sum, as God may bless him, and contribute it at each meeting to the object, which his judgment and conscience should direct. In this way he would do much more in the cause of christian benevolence and duty in the course of the year, and yet feel the burthen weighing most lightly. This would be reducing the matter to some system, understood, and the result of his annual efforts in affording pecuniary aid to the Redeemer's cause, made evident to himself, and thus recall to his mind what he had done, and was doing, as a laborer in the vineyard of his Lord and Master.

As to the best manner of discovering, encouraging and developing the ministerial gifts of members, it occurs to your committee, that it consists in the churches holding regular prayer meetings, and other stated church conferences, in which an effort should be made to enlighten each other in the most comprehensive sense of christian duty, which we owe to God and their fellow-members. In this way your committee believe that ignorant and feeble members might be enlightened and strengthened, and their efficiency as useful members increased to a degree, that would diffuse joy throughout our Associational border. We deem it the best way to bring these matters before the churches, that the Association request such observance, in a resolution, and we suggest therefore the following:

Resolved, That each church within our bounds, be requested to appoint one or more days, during every year, on which every member possible, shall meet at his church for conference, one with another, as to his duty in supporting the minister, Home and Foreign Missions, and indeed to consider every matter falling within the christians sphere of duty in its fullest sense.

Respectfully,

S. J. FAISON,
J. T. ALBRITTON, } Com.
J. D. CARROLL,

Letters from Moore's Creek and Bethlehem were read.

Committee on Religious Publications reported. After remarks by Elder Stallings and J. H. Mills, Editor of Recorder, the report was adopted:

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS PUBLICATIONS.

Your committee on Religious Publications beg leave to report: That the Biblical Recorder, our denominational organ, as now conducted, is worthy of the patronage of every member of our churches, and we take this opportunity to earnestly recommend it to our membership, as an efficient agency in our moral and religious training, and the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom. We also mention "Kind Words" as a Sunday School paper, worthy of patronage. It is published by the board of the Southern Baptist Convention, at Memphis, Tenn. Respectfully,

J. N. STALLINGS.

Committee on Obituaries reported. Adopted.

OBITUARIES.

Your committee appointed at your last session, on Obituaries, beg leave to report:

That we have heard with deep regret of the loss sustained by the New Berne church in the death of two of her faithful deacons, and pious and efficient members, Deacons Chas. Kelley and James C. Stephenson. We deeply sympathize with the bereaved church and afflicted families of the deceased brethren. We have no data from which to give any sketch of their lives and services, and can only say that they were pious, efficient and faithful.

We have great cause to thank God that the above church is the only one which has reported deaths. Respectfully,

COMMITTEE.

Committee to nominate delegates to Baptist State Convention reported the following brethren:

J. C. Hiden, B. F. Mitchell, J. N. Stallings, J. R. Oliver, W. M. Kennedy, James Collins, J. L. Stewart, H. McAlpin, D. J. Middleton, O. Fennell, A. Guy.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

H. J. HOBBS, Chm'n.

Committee to nominate executive committee reported. Adopted. (See page 2.)

Committee on Temperance reported. The report was adopted, after expunging those parts relating to tobacco and dress:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We denounce as a crying evil the use of intoxicating drinks. They ought never to be used except as a Medicine. We recommend that this be brought before the churches.

Respectfully submitted,

GILES CLUTE,
K. VANN,
W. A. KINGSBURY, } Com.

Committee on religious exercises reported the following: Elder A. Guy to preach to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock; Elder W. T. Walters, at 11; Elder G. S. Best at 2 P. M.

On motion, adjourned to 9½ o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by Elder Kingsbury.

Benediction by Elder Walters.

THURSDAY, OCT. 8th.

Association met according to adjournment. The Moderator read the 4th chapter of Hebrews. Prayer by Elder J. R. Oliver. Roll called. Proceedings of yesterday read.

An invititation extended to visiting and corresponding brethren. Elder Dickson reported himself as a visitor from Cape Fear Association.

Committee on Sabbath Schools reported. Adopted. During the consideration of the report, remarks were made by brethren Oliver, Mills, Clute, Kingsbury and Hughes:

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to submit the followina report:

We find the churches that report regular Sabbath Schools numbering 1217 scholars and 148 teachers. There are others that report schools but do not mention the number of teachers and scholars. And while the interest in Sabbath Schools is greatly on the increase, we are sorry to report that there is in our body 38 churches that make no mention of this important subject, but we hope that the interest that has been manifested by the few, will be speedily followed by the remainder, and that soon we will have a Sabbath School reported in all our churches. Your committee deem this matter of such great importance, that they offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the delegates from the churches that have not reported Sabbath Schools, be requested upon their return to their churches, to endeavor to establish one, and report the same to brother Giles Clute, Clinton, our General Superintendant for this Association as soon as practicable.

We would also recommend that the Schools take some one or more of the following papers: Kind Words, Memphis, Tenn; Child's Delight, Macon, Ga; and the Sunday School Banner for teachers, published at Atlanta, Ga.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

On motion, rules of order suspended and as soon as preaching is over at the stand, Elder Walters will be allowed to present the claims of State Missions.

Committee on Finance reported:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

CHURCHES.	Asso. Fund	Itin. Fund.	For. Mis.	Total.
Mt. Holly,	$ 3 00	$	$	$ 3 00
Riley's Creek,	3 00	5 00		8 00
Shiloh,	4 00	2 75		6 75
Well's Chapel,	5 00	5 75		10 75
Bethel,	1 55	3 00	8 00	12 55
Mt. Gilead,	3 00	75		3 75
New Hope,	3 45	4 50		7 95
White Oak,	3 00			3 00
Boykin's Chapel,	3 00			3 00
Beulah,	1 85	6 40		8 25
Piney Grove,	3 00			3 00
Rowan,	2 00			2 00
Clinton,	1 50	5 00		6 50
Lisbon,	2 00			2 00
Ebenezer,	2 00			2 00
Mt. Zion,	2 00	5 00		7 00
French's Creek,	1 30			1 30
Wilmington,	5 00	35 00		40 00
Falling Creek,	2 28		2 10	4 38
Haw Bluff,	2 25			2 25
Bear Marsh,	4 50			4 50
Warsaw,	3 25	8 85		12 10
Johnson's,	2 50			2 50
Kenansville,	3 00	3 80		6 80
Concord	3 00	3 50		6 50
Berea,	1 85			1 85
Island Creek,	2 00			2 00
Hallsville,*	2 00	2 25		4 25
Prospect,	1 00			1 00
Beaverdam,	4 00	6 45		10 45
Chinquepin,	1 00			1 00
Dobson's Chapel,	1 40	1 50		2 90
Canaan,	1 00			1 00
Tuckahoe,	1 30			1 30
New Berne,	1 00	1 75		2 75
Corinth,	3 00	6 00		9 00
Woodenton,	2 00			2 00
Davis' Shore,	1 50			1 50
Young Bethel,	1 00			1 00
Bethlehem,	2 50			2 50
Moore's Creek,	1 50	5 00		6 50
J. Jackson,		1 00		1 00
	$98 48	$ 113 25	$10 10	$ 221 83

* $3 Received last year and left out. Beaufort received 70 cts. after adjournment. Fort Barnwell $2 to be sent.—(CLERK.)

We beg leave to submit the following:

There has been paid in 45 cts. more than the above calls for. Wilmington church has pledged $50. Haw Bluff, $10 for Itinerancy for the ensuing year. Respectfully submitted,

J. L. BOYKIN,
S. J. FAISON,
D. J. MIDDLETON, } Com.

Committee to audit account of the Treasurer of executive committee reported. Adopted.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Oct. 1868.	Dr.
To Amount on hand at last Association,	$ 5 20
" Surplus of Association fund appropriated,	4 65
Received from Beaverdam church,	7 00
Kenansville,	19 82
Bear Marsh,	18 82
Moore's Creek,	4 18
Wells' Chapel,	10 90
Warsaw,	3 03
Johnson's,	5 10
Union Chapel,	10 25
Beulah,	4 00
Mt. Holly,	8 35
Haw Bluff,	10 00
Bethlehem,	5 85
Kinston,	2 70
Falling Creek,	1 45
Brown's M. H.,	1 55
Canaan,	1 10
Ebenezer,	13 60
New Hope,	3 45
Riley's Creek,	3 75
Boykin's Chapel,	13 30
Clinton,	7 25
Mt. Gilead,	1 50
Piney Grove,	6 20
Lisbon,	3 50
Brother Jesse Jackson,	1 60
Total received at different times during the year,	$178 13
From all the churches present session,	113 25
Total receipts,	$291 38

	Cr.
By vouchers from sundry persons,	$222 91⅞
Balance on hand,	$68 46⅛

Respectfully submitted,

D. J. MIDDLETON, Treas.

We beg leave to report that we have examined the above account and find it correct.

B. MATTHEWS, Chm'n.

Committee to audit account with Treasurer of Association reported. Adopted

REPORT OF TREASURER OF ASSOCIATION.

Eastern Association in account with S. J. Faison, Treasurer.

1868.	Dr.
To Association funds October 1867,	$129 75
" Home Mission " " "	156 70
" Foreign " " " "	19 00
Foreign Missions, From Wells' Chapel,	1 10
	$306 55

October, 1868.	Cr.
Amount paid to printing minutes, &c.,	$129 75
" " " D. J. Middleton, Treas. E. C.,	156 70
" " " to W. M. Kennedy for For. Miss.	20 10
	$306 55

Respectfully,

S. J. FAISON, Treas.

Your committee appointed to audit the account of Treasurer of Association, find the same correct.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

Moved to suspend the rules, and the letters from Wells' Chapel, New Hope and Lisbon, asking for next session of Association were called up. The vote was then made unanimous.

The committee to nominate Trustees of Warsaw High School reported. (See 2nd page.)

Elder J. L. Carroll accepted an invitation to visiting and corresponding brethren, and announced himself as a delegate from Flat River Association, and ageut for St. John's College. Brother T. M. Hughes appeared as a delegate from the Central Association.

Committee on Foreign Missions reported. Adopted:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to report: That the incentives to earnest Missionary effort are increasing every year. Recent treaty stipulations between China and this country greatly in-

crease the prospect of evangelizing that vast empire. It is however the opinion of your committee that the churches have lost sight of this work. Perhaps not more than three or four of them have done anything for Foreign Missions during the past year; and as is the case in other christian duties, so in this, when the christian ceases to abor and give, to send the gospel to the heathen, he generally neglects to send up earnest prayer to God to send out the light and truths of his word to all the nations of the earth.

COMMITTEE.

Moved to appoint a committee on the letter from Wilmington. Committee, Elders J. L. Stewart, J. N. Stallings, J. T. Albritton.

Moved to grant a letter of dismission to the church at White Oak, to unite with the Cedar Creek Association.

The hour having arrived to hear Elder Walters, he presented the claims of State Missions, in an able and forcible manner. A collection was made amounting to $29 30. Pledges 20 dollars.

1 o'clock, intermission of half an hour.

Article 11, of Rules of Order so amended that if any delegate take final leave of absence, without permission of the Association, his absence be noted in the minutes

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered to this vicinity, for the very hospitable manner in which they have entertained the delegates and visitors.

Committee on Wilmington church reported. Adopted:

REPORT ON WILMINGTON CHURCH.

Your committee to whom was referred the request of the church at Wilmington, asking the Association to devise means to assist them in completing the building of their house of worship, respectfully report: That we commend the energy and perseverance of our brethren at that place, and in view of their liberality in every good work, we recommend that such members of the Association as can, contribute to this object, and that each delegate present the claims of that church, to their respective churches. COMMITTEE.

Resolved, That the clerk have 1500 copies of the minutes printed, and he be paid $25 and expenses, for his services in transcribing and distributing the same.

Treasurer of Ministers' Relief society report:

D. K. Kornegay, Treasurer of Minister's Relief Society, in Acc't.	Dr.
To one note on J. J. Whitehead, due Jan. 1st, 1872,	$700 00
" " " " " " " " 1868,	42 00
Interest on same,	1 90
One note on J. J. Whitehead, due Jan. 1st, 1869,	42 00
" " " " " " 1870,	42 00
" " " " " " 1871,	42 00
" " " " " " 1872,	42 00
One note on I. Royal, due Dec. 30th, 1865,	26 25
Interest on same,	4 33
One note on J. R. Oliver, due Oct. 1st, 1867,	15 00
Interest on same,	90
One note on D. K. Kornegay, due August 1st, 1867,	38 25
Interest on same,	2 60
One note on same, due Oct. 10, 1867,	57 75
Interest on same,	3 40
Amount cash received Oct. 4th, 1868,	40 00
Total,	$1,100 38

Committee on order of business reported. Adopted. (See order of business.)

On motion of Elder J. N. Stallings, the following preamble and resolution, in regard to Asher Flowers was adopted:

WHEREAS, Asher Flowers, formerly a member of the church at Falling Creek, who was several times examined by different presbyteries of our ministers for ordination, and rejected, and who subsequently submitted to be set apart by parties who have no connection with our denomination, for which he was formally expelled from the said church; and whereas the said Asher Flowers is now pretending to preach and baptize, representing himself as a Missionary Baptist.

Resolved, That this body disavow all the acts of said Asher Flowers, denounce him as an imposter, and warn all the members of our churches against him.

Resolved, That this preamble and resolutions be spread upon our minutes, and published in the "Recorder."

The Trustees of Warsaw High School, submitted the report of the principle, as their report. Adopted:

TO THE TRUSTEES OF WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Through the providence of God, we have again passed through another year of trials, difficulties, and doubts

with all its pecuniary embarrassments. At one time during the summer our hopes were very low, tending almost to despondency—we had some doubt about being able to continue the school through the year. But the principal of the School, after canvassing the matter in his mind, and weighing all things well, and trusting in Him, who causeth "all things" to "work together for good, to them that love God," concluded, that, by practicing a rigid economy, if he could keep the school in existence until crops were gathered, it would improve, and the patrons would be more able to pay for tuition. He finds that he was not mistaken in this. The Lord has seen proper to give me as many pupils as I can well teach; and I do not think there is any doubt now about the success of the School—but will be an increase of patronage sufficient to justify me in employing an assistant next session. Every effort will be made to make the school worthy of patronage. There have been sixty pupils in attendance during the year. Instruction has been given in spelling, reading, writing, arithmetic, grammar, geography, philosophy, algebra, latin and greek. A few have attended the school free of charge.

The present session closes the 18th of December, the next will commence the 3d Monday in January, 1869. Thanking you for the trust reposed in me, and invoking the blessings of God for the success of the school,

The above is respectfully submitted,

ISHAM ROYALL, Principal.

The committee on State of the churches reported. Adopted:

The committee on state of the churches, beg leave to report, that the great need of our churches is a revival of pure and earnest piety.

COMMITTEE.

Elder J. N. Stallings offered the following, which was adopted:

Whereas, The want of system in our churches in raising funds for the different objects for which we labor, prevents our people from contributing to their support, as they would otherwise. Therefore

Resolved, That we recommend the following plan: When the churches assemble in conferences to consider their duties, after prayerfully determining the amounts they can raise during the year for their pastor, and for every other purpose to which they feel it their duty to contribute, let them resolve to raise that amount, to be collected by the deacons quarterly, or as often as they come together, and paid over to each object intended, by order of the church.

During the consideration of the above, Elder Stewart read a communication from Elder W T. Brooks, soliciting aid for our beneficiaries at Wake Forest.

Moved that the Treasurer of the Association be authorized to pay all the funds sent up by the churches to the different objects for which they were intended.

The business of the Association being finished, on motion, adjourned to meet with the church at Lisbon, Sampson county, Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1869.

Prayer by Elder Stewart. The brethren sung "Praise God from whom all blessings flow, &c."

Benediction by Moderator.

HUGH McALPIN, Mod'r.

Isham Royall, Clerk.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the Eastern Association.

ART. 2. The objects of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ART. 3. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates.

ART. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter, certifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the state of the church.

ART. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen from among its members by ballot, by a majority of the members voting, and tinue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, and superintend their printing and distribution among the churches.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches or collected during the session of this body and disburse the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

ART. 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee, consisting of not less than five or more than seven members; which committee shall have the superintendence of Associational missions

and Colportage. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge and during intervals between the meetings of this body, to receive and disburse funds for those objects, and to take such steps for their advancement as they shall deem advisable, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings.

ART. 10. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of her churches which neglect to preserve gospel order.

ART. 11. The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of the body except that of voting.

ART. 12. The annual session of this Association shall commence on Tuesday after the first Lord's day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

ART. 13. By appointment of the Association, there shall be an Introductory Sermon, of a denominational character, and a Missionary Sermon,

ART. 14. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence, a chairman, *pro tem*, shall be elected.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.

3. At each daily session, and previous to proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous daily sessions read.

4. The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak shall arise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.

7. All motions seconded, shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer before discussion.

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after its discussion.

9. When a question is under discussion, no motion or proposition shall be received, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

10. After a motion is decided, any member having voted in the majority, may move a reconsideration,

11. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association, without permission of the presiding officer, and no one shall take final leave of absence without the permission of the Association, and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the minutes.

12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13. The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to its consideration.

14. The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a majority of votes.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Enroll the delegates.
2. Organization.
3. Appointment of Committees.
4. Reading Church Letters.
5. Call for Petitionary Letters.
6. Reception of Corresponding Delegates and Visitors.
7. The appointment of Corresponding Delegates.
8. Report of Standing Committees.
9. Report of Special Committees.
10. Report of Trustees of Ministers' Relief Society.
11. Report of Treasurer.
12. Motions and Resolutions.
13. Miscellaneous Business.
14. Adjournment.

RULES OF DECORUM FOR THE CHURCHES.

1. We will hold at least four Conference meetings in the year for the transaction of business; also special meetings whenever requisite.

2. The names of the members shall be called at every regular meeting, and there shall be due notice taken of the absence of those who discover a disposition to absent themselves.

3. At every Conference, the pastor, in his right of office, shall preside as Moderator; and in case of his absence, the Conference shall appoint a Moderator *pro tem.*, who shall open Conference by devotional exercises

4. The Clerk shall keep a Church book, in which all the proceedings of the Conference shall be faithfully transcribed, and at every regular meeting the minutes of the preceding meeting shall be read immediately after the names are called.

5. An invitation shall be given to brethren of our faith and order to sit with us in Conference, who shall enjoy all the privileges of the meeting except that of voting.

6. Every subject for the consideration of the Conference shall be introduced by a motion, which, when seconded, shall be debated and acted upon, unless withdrawn by the mover.

7. Every speaker shall rise and address the Moderator by the appellation of brother, and shall confine his remarks to the subject under debate, and shall not be allowed to speak more than twice on one subject, except by permission of the Church.

8 No member shall withdraw from the Conference without the permission of the Moderator.

9. It shall be required that in matters of difference between members, before complaint is made to the church, the aggrieved party shall have duly attended to the instructions of our Lord, Matt. 18th chapter, 16th, 17th and 18th verses, and public offences or such as operate against the peace of the church, shall be the subject of discipline.

10. All questions submitted to the Conference shall be decided by a majority of votes, except receiving members to fellowship; and any question may be reconsidered upon the motion of any who voted in the affirmative.

11. The Moderator shall propound all questions for vote—shall keep the speakers to the subject under debate—may express his own views, after others are done speaking, and see that these rules are faithfully observed.

12. These Rules of Decorum may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the whole church.

Resolved, That this Association recommend the adoption of the foregoing rules to all the churches that comprise this body.

TABLE NO. 2.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS.	POST-OFFICES.
Wilmington,	C. W. Oldham,	Wilmington.
Mt. Holly,	B. Carroll,	Camera.
Moore's Creek,	A. B. Alderman,	
Bethlehem,	B. F. Keith,	Colvin's Creek.
Riley's Creek,	W. W. Larkins,	Rocky Point.
Shiloh,	H. S. Everett,	Colvin's Creek.
Wells' Chapel,	S. J. Faison,	Harrell's Store.
Bethel,	H. M. Oates,	Magnolia.
Lisbon,	R. Herring,	Clinton.
Mt. Gilead,	R. K. Pearson,	"
New Hope,	J. L. Carroll,	"
Boykin's Chapel,	M. M. Killett,	"
Beulah,	J. J. Millard,	Clinton.
Piny Grove, (Sampson	R. R. Bell,	"
Rowan,	T. O. Kelly,	"
Clinton,	C. P. Johnson,	"
Ebenezer,	R. Highsmith,	"
Mt. Zion,	N. W. Newton,	Harrell's Store.
French Creek,	C. Russ,	French Creek.
Haw Bluff,	J. R. Barnhill,	Black River Chapel.
Falling Creek,	G. S. Peterson,	Goldsboro'.
Bear Marsh,	A. S. Davis,	Mt. Olive.
Warsaw,	B. C. Bourden,	Warsaw.
Johnson's M. H.	W. C. Carlton,	"
Kenansville,	G. A. Newell,	Kenansville.
Beaverdam,	G. W. Carroll,	"
Concord,	J. W. Taylor,	Magnolia.
Berea,	G. F. Dempsey,	Wallace.
Islan Creek,	S. H. Cavenaugh.	"
Hallsville,	J. T. Carroll,	Kenansville.
Corinth,	T. H. Rogers,	Magnolia.
Prospect,	Name not given,	
Chinquepin,	H. B. Maxwell,	Hallsville,
Dobson's Chapel,	J. T. Carroll,	Kenansville,
Tuckahoe,	A. F. Cox,	
New Berne,	W. S. Ballinger,	New Berne.
Fort Barnwell,	J. W. Biddle,	"
Beaufort,	Thomas D. Noe,	Beaufort,
Davis' Shore,	J. F. Willis,	"
Young Bethel,	H. Farrell,	"
Woodenton,	W. Grady.	Kinston.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	When Constituted.	COUNTIES.	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES.	Add'ns. By Baptism	Add'ns. By Letter.	Add'ns. By Exper.	Restored.	Diminut'ns By Letter.	Diminut'ns Excluded	Diminut'ns Deaths.	White Membs	Colored Mem.	Total.	From Min. of previous ye'rs	Reg. Meeting.	S. S. stati's. Teachers.	S. S. stati's. Pupils.	S. S. stati's. Volumes in Library.
Wilmington,		New Hanover,	J. C. Hiden, Wilmington,	1	4			5	2	1			175		Each.			
Mt. Holly,		" "	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia,		5					3	1 2	60	172					
Moore's Creek,	1833	" "	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia,			2		2	4		132	4	136		4			
Bethlehem,		" "	J. P. Faison,		1			2			71		71		2			
Marshall's M. H.,	1837	" "												62				
Riley's Creek,		" "	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia,	2							95		95		3			
Shiloh,	1853	" "	J. P. Faison,		1	2	1	5	12	6	113	66	179					
Wells' Chapel,		" "	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia,	1	2			9		5	320		320		2			
Bethel,	1843	Sampson,			8				2	1	72	25	97		4			
Lisbon,		"	J. L. Stewart, Clinton,		2			2	1	1	75		75		1		50	
Mt. Gilead,		"	H. McAlpin, Clinton,	4	2			8	6		93	1	94		4		105	
New Hope,		"	A. Guy, Warsaw,		5			3	2	2	122	30	152		2			
Boykin's Chapel,	1846	"	H. McAlpin, Clinton,	12	7			9			120	19	139		2	7	84	
White Oak,	1847	"	W. C. West,		6			2	4		108	46	154					
Brown's M. H.,	1828	"												63				
Beulah,	1814	"	J. L. Stewart, Clinton,					3	1	1	57	55	112		3	11	58	
Piny Grove, (Sampson),	1846	"	J. L. Stewart, Clinton,	13		2	1		6	3	154	34	188		2		48	
Rowan,	1759	"	W. H. Howard, Clinton,		1		1		1		77	25	102		3			
Clinton,	1855	"	H. McAlpin, Clinton,	13	3					1	42	27	69		3			
Canaan,	1858	"	No Pastor.								27	4	31		3			
Ebenezer,	1867	"	J. L. Stewart, Clinton,	1	5						44	1	45		4	10	42	
Mt. Zion,	1845	Bladen,	J. P. Faison,								26	27	53		2			
French's Creek,	1850	"	J. D. Elwell, French's Creek,	13	9	2	1				105	7	112		1			
Haw Bluff,	1859	"	J. D. Elwell, French's Creek,	6	3				1		63		63		4	4	50	
Nat Moore Creek,														38				
Mt. Olive,	1863													80				
Falling Creek,		Wayne,	C. J. Nelson, Goldsboro,					5	4		63	7	70		2	4		
Bear Marsh,	1835	Duplin,	J. N. Stallings, Kenansville,	57	2	2	1	5	21	2	215	85	300		1			
Warsaw,	1855	"	A. Guy, Warsaw,		3			3		1	131	27	158		3	10	40	140
Johnson's M. H.,		"	G. S. Best, Kenansville,	1	3			4		2	161	61	122		1	10	100	
Kenansville,		"	J. N. Stallings, Kenansville,		4			1			61		63		2		75	
Beaverdam,		"	A. Guy, Warsaw,	11	6			12	8	2	158	45	203		4			
Concord,		"	A. Guy, Warsaw,	1	1		10	3	49		79	35	114		1			
Berea,	1844	"	No pastor,					3		3	93		93		2			
Island Creek,	1803	"	O. M. Matthews, Rockfish,		3		1	16	5	2	117	7	142					
Hallsville,	1850	"	J. N. Stallings, Kenansville,	31	1			4	3	2	123	65	188		4			
Corinth,	1850	"	J. P. Faison,						2	1	59	1	60		4			
Antioch,	1858	"	No report,											11				
Prospect,		"	J. J. Rhodes,	2				2		2			27					
Chinquepin,	1860	"	G. S. Best, Kenansville,	5					1				42					
Dobson's Chapel,	1867	"	G. S. Best, Kenansville,	8	3			2	1	1	51	17	68		3		50	
Piny Grove, (Jones),	1841	Jones,	No report,											43				
Tuckahoe,	1865	"	G. S. Best, Kenansville,	4		1			1		42	8	50					
New Berne,		Craven,	A. D. Cohen, New Berne,						4	2			94		Each.			
Brice's Creek,	1854	"	No report,											11				
Fort Barnwell,		"	No pastor,								9		9					
Beaufort,		Carteret,	J. Utley, Beaufort,						11				35					
Smyrna,			No report,											31				
Woodville.			No report,											47				
Davis's Shore,	1867		T. J. Leary, Beaufort,	33	9				1	1	84	5	89		3			
Young Bethel,	1867		T. J. Leary, Beaufort,										40		2			
Kinston,		Lenoir,	No report,											36				
Woodenton,	1858	"	J. J. Rhodes,										24		4			
Union,														44				
Washington,														84				
Union Chapel,														89				
Jacksonville,														12				
Pleasant Hill,														31				
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Form of Tables to be used by the Clerks of Churches, and Supt's. of Sunday Schools.

Statistical Table of ..... Church. ..... Clerk.

Location.	Time of Meeting.	Pastor.	Pastor's Residence	Clerk's Residence	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Male.	Female.	Total.

Contributions of ..... Church.

Pastor's Salary.	Incidental Expenses	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education	S. School Board State N C	Printing Minutes.	Religious Papers taken.	Miscellaneous.

Sunday School of ..... Church ..... Supt

Teachers.	Scholars.	Male.	Female.	Meets.	What part of year.	Superintendents.	Post office of Supt.	No. verses Scripture recited.	Scholars professed religion past year.	Copies of Kind Words taken.	Vols. in Library.	Co.'tions	Remarks.

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PROCEEDINGS.

LISBON, SAMPSON COUNTY, N. C.,
Tuesday, October 5, 1869.

The Eastern Association convened according to appointment.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder G. S. Best from Isaiah xl : 31. "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

Intermission, half an hour.

The Association was called to order by Elder Hugh McAlpin, Moderator, who read part of 6th Chapter of Matthew. Prayer, Elder J. C. Hiden leading.

The following delegates were enrolled:

1. Wilmington.—J. C. Hiden, B. F. Mitchell.
2. Mt. Holly.—Letter.
3. Moore's Creek.—O. Alderman, G. W. Woodcock, M. Moore.
4. Bethlehem.—B. F. Keith, R. W. Pridgen, F. W. Pridgen.
5. Marshall's M. H.—D. J. Corbett.
6. Riley's Creek.—W. H. Thompson, J. J. Heath, Joel Hines.
7. Shiloh.—G. A. Herring, Andrew Moore, W. J. Herring.
8. Well's Chapel.—L. Highsmith, O. Fennell, S. J. Faison.
9. Bethel.—Amos Alderman, O. M. Matthews.
10. Lisbon.—Jas. Vann, A. R. Herring, John Smith.
11. Mt. Gilead.—John Vann, B. Matthews, J. Rackley.
12. New Hope.—J. F. Daniel, A. J. Smith, I. W. Herring.
13. Boykin's Chapel.—H. McAlpin, M. M. Killet, J. L. Boykin.
14. Brown's M. H.—Not represented.
15. Beulah.—J. H. Stevens, J. M. Millard, L. R. Millard.
16. Piny Grove (Sampson).—J. W. Lane, J. C. Hobbs.
17. Rowan.—W. J. Merritt, Nicholas Boone.
18. Canaan.—Not represented.
19. Clinton.—H. E. Carr, J. M. Mosely, J. L. Stewart.
20. Ebenezer.—A. Brown, J. B. Highsmith, George Highsmith.
21. Mt. Zion.—J. M. Wooten, S. B Andrews.
22. French's Creek.—J. D. Elwell, C. B. Pridgen.
23. Haw Bluff.—A. J. Barnhill.
24. Nat Moore Creek.—Not represented.
25. Falling Creek.—J. L. Britt, H. L. Peterson.

26. Bear Marsh.—B. Oliver, J. H. Lofton, J. E. Peterson.
27. Warsaw.—I. Royal, H. J. Carlton.
28. Johnson's M. H.—W. M. Kennedy, D. I. Woodward, O. P. Middleton.
29. Kenansville.—J. N. Stallings, D. J. Middleton, F. M. Southerland.
30. Beaverdam.—J. D. Carroll, J. W. Swinson.
31. Concord.—J. R. Heath.
32. Berea.—Represented by letter.
33. Island Creek.—H. D. Savage, John Savage.
34. Hallsville.—Letter, no delegate.
35. Corinth.—T. H. Rogers, I. J. Johnson, J. T. Rogers.
36. Antioch.—Not represented.
37. Prospect.—Letter.
38. Chinquepin.—Not represented.
39. Dobson's Chapel.—O. D. Bostick.
40. Piny Grove (Jones).—Not represented.
41. Tuckahoe.—J. H. Banks, J. J. Rhodes.
42. Newberne.—Not represented.
43. Brice's Creek.—Not represented.
44. Fort Barnwell.—Letter.
45. Beaufort.—By letter.
46. Smyrna.—By letter.
47. Woodville.—By letter.
48. Kinston.—By letter.
49. Woodenton.—Not represented.
50. Union.—Not represented.
51. Union Chapel.—Not represented.
52. Jacksonville.—Not represented.
53. Pleasant Hill.—Not represented.
54. Davis' Shore.—By letter.
55. Young Bethel.—By letter.
56. Mt. Olive.—J. T. Albritton, G. M. Roberts, G. Clute.

Copies of the *Home and Foreign Journal*, were laid on the table by Elder J. C. Hiden. A package of *Biblical Recorders*, laid on the table by I. Royal.

A majority of the Churches being represented, proceeded to the election of officers.

H. E. Carr and B. Oliver, were appointed to superintend the election of Moderator; S. J. Faison and J. L. Boykin, to superintend the election of Clerk; D. J. Middleton and J. D. Carroll, to superintend the election of Treasurer. Result—Elder H. McAlpin, re-elected Moderator; I. Royal, re-elected Clerk; S. J. Faison, re-elected Treasurer.

Elder J. L. Stewart, and brethren Jas. Vann, Hardy Herring, Richard Herring and John Smith, were appointed on religious exercises.

The following Committees were appointed:

To Nominate Executive Committee.—J. M. Millard, A. Brown, J. W. Lane.

To Nominate Trustees of Warsaw High School.—Owen Fennell, S. J. Faison, J. L. Boykin.

Spiritual Condition of the Churches.—W. M. Kennedy, J. T. Albritton, I. Royal.

Sabbath Schools.—G. Clute, J. M. Mosely, J. Vann.

Religious Publications.—J. C. Hiden, G. S. Best, I. Royal.

Ministerial Support.—G. M. Roberts J. H. Lofton, J. B. Highsmith.

Foreign Missions.—J. L. Stewart, J. T. Albritton, J. H. Stevens.

Systematic Benevolence.—J. M. Millard, B. Matthews, J. D. Elwell.

Auditing Committee.—Owen Fennell, A. R. Herring, B. F. Mitchell.

To Nominate delegates to Baptist State Convention.—O. Alderman, B. F. Keith, J. P. Faison.

Committee of Finance.—L. Highsmith, J. Vann, S. B. Andrews.

To Nominate Ministers to Preach Sermons at next Session.—S. J. Faison, J. W. Swinson, G. S. Best.

Order of business of last session adopted.

Order of business suspended, and an invitation extended to visiting brethren. J. H. Mills, editor of *Biblical Recorder*, was reported present.

Elders Stallings, Kennedy and Stewart, were appointed a Committee on Order of Business, for next session. Proceeded to read the Church letters. J. L. Stewart and J. M. Millard, were appointed assistant Clerks.

The letters from New Hope and Well's Chapel, petitioning for next session of Association, laid on the table.

4½ o'clock. Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at 10, o'clock.

Prayer by Elder Matthews. Singing, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," &c.

Benediction by Moderator.

WEDNESDAY, October 6, 1869.

Met pursuant to adjournment. The Moderator read 1 Thess., 4th Chapter. Singing. Prayer by Elder Kennedy.

Roll called. Minutes of yesterday read. Committee of arrangements reported the following: Preaching this morning by Elder Kennedy. Elder Hiden to preach at 11½ o'clock. Elder Elwell, in the evening.

Resumed the reading of the Church letters. The letter from French's Creek, asking for a letter of dismission to unite with the Cape Fear Association, laid on the table.

The treasurer of Bear Marsh Church, requested to send statement of funds contributed during the year, to Clerk, to be inserted in the minutes.

H. D. Savage and John Savage, recognized as delegates from Island Creek. Letter from Tuckahoe, asking that a pastor be sent to the Church, referred to Executive Committee.

The Clerk handed in letters from Fort Barnwell, Beaufort, Woodville, Kinston, Davis' Shore, Smyrna and Young Bethel.

Moved to recognize I. Royal, as delegate from Kinston. Laid on the table.

Adjourned until 1½ o'clock, to hear Missionary Sermon.

Benediction by Moderator.

Elder Hiden preached from Isaiah lii: 9. "Awake! awake! put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city; for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean."

Public collection for itinerant purposes, $21.68.

1½ O'clock.

Re-assembled. On motion, Rules of Order suspended, and an invitation extended to corresponding and visiting brethren. Elder J. L. Carroll, reported himself from Flat River Association, and representative of Wake Forest College, State Mission Board, and the Board of Education. Elder —— Register and brother John G. Sutton, reported themselves from Cape Fear Association. Elder A. B. Alderman, from the Cedar Creek Association. Elder J. C. Hiden, as the representative of the Foreign Mission Board.

On motion, Elders J. N. Stallings, W. M. Kennedy, and J. L. Carroll, were appointed a Committee on the Objects of the Baptist State Convention.

Letter from Prospect read. Refered to Executive Committee.

On motion the Church heretofore known as Mt. Olive, being extinct, stricken from the minutes.

Petitionary letters called for. A letter was read from a newly organized Church at Mt. Olive, petitioning to become a constituent member of this body. On motion it was received, and the right hand of fellowship extended to the delegates.

Proceeded to appoint corresponding delegates to other bodies:

Cedar Creek.—H. McAlpin, G. S. Best J. L. Boykin.
Cape Fear.—H. McAlpin, W. M. Kennedy.

Resolved, That any member of this Association, who may attend the sessions of any of the bodies with which we correspond, be considered as delegates to said bodies.

Committee to nominate delegates to Baptist State Convention reported. Adopted.

REPORT.

Your Committee recommend the following brethren as delegates to the Baptist State Convention:

MINISTERS.	LAY BRETHREN.
H. McAlpin,	B. Oliver,
J. C. Hiden,	D. J. Middleton,
W. M. Kennedy,	H. E. Carr,
J. N. Stallings,	S. J. Faison,
J. L. Stewart.	Isham Royal,
	B. F. Mitchell,
	G. R. French,
	C. P. Moore.

O. ALDERMAN,
B. F. KEITH,
J. P. FAISON,
} *Committee.*

Executive Committee reported. Adopted.

During the consideration of the report, remarks were made by B. Oliver, J. N. Stallings, W. M. Kennedy, J. C Hiden and J. H. Mills.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Executive Committee beg leave to submit the following:

The means placed at our disposal by the Churches have been so meagre, and the spirit displayed so discouraging, that it is with feelings of deep gloom and despondency that we submit this annual report. We have been able to accomplish but little; though we have met regularly each quarter during the year, and continued to prosecute the work with all the energies we could in proportion to the means placed at our disposal.

Elder J. J. Rhodes has been in our employ, and has preached regularly at Prospect, in Duplin County; Woodenton and Christian's Chapel, in Lenoir County, each month, and occasionally at Tuckahoe, in Jones County, and Sandy Hill, in Duplin County. He reports good, attentive congregations. and an addition of two by baptism at Woodenton. We aided the Church at Clinton until May, at which time the Church at that place became self-sustaining. During the time we aided that Church, Elder McAlpin baptized six. We have also assisted the Church at Chinquepin in Duplin County, at which place Elder G. S. Best reported encouraging congregations, with a Sunday School. He has baptized two at that Church.

This, dear brethren, is all your Committee has been able to accomplish; but the result is owing to the apathy of the Churches. We have been unable to do more for want of means; not because there is no room or necessity for labor. All the points we have been assisting still need our fostering care, while other places, at which there are some scattering brethren, are loudly calling for help, while there is

a vast extent of territory in which the voice of the Gospel Minister is seldom heard. Lift up your eyes, brethren, and look over the large portions of Duplin and New Hanover Counties destitute of the preached Gospel, and the almost entire destitution of the Counties of Lenoir, Jones, Onslow, Currituck and Craven, and tell us if there is not urgent, imperative necessity for the most extensive Christian beneficence in your power.

We appeal to you, as representatives of the Churches: Shall this work cease? Shall we prove recreant to the trust committed to us by the Master? After all, are we Missionary only in name?

Brethren, what are we to do? Shall we fold our arms and leave our fellow-mortals in all this vast spiritual destitution, to go down to death without putting forth any adequate effort for their salvation?

Your Committee feel that everything we can do, should be put forth to save these souls, they have prayed for it, labored for it and sacrificed for it, and by God's grace are willing and anxious to continue to pray, labor and sacrifice; but if, in your judgment, others can be more successful in accomplishing the desired result, in arousing the Churches to a proper appreciation of their duties and responsibilities in this matter, or in conducting the operations, we would ask you to let no false delicacy prevent you from making it known, and making the desired change; but however you may think about this, we solemnly appeal to you, in behalf of the cause of our Master, and in view of the worth of the perishing around us, and in our very midst, to arouse from your apathy and "come up to the help of the Lord—to the help of the Lord against the mighty."

Respectfully,
B. OLIVER, Chairman.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That this body heartily approves of the course pursued by the Executive Committee, in conducting Missions within the bounds of this Association, and commends the zeal, devotion, and self sacrifice of said Committee, and earnestly solicits the Churches to send up quarterly collections, to enable them to carry on the work committed to their charge.

Committee on Religious Exercises reported the following: Preaching to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock, by Elder J. R. Oliver. 11½, by Elder J. L. Carroll.

On motion, adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9½ o'clock.

Prayer by Elder Stallings.

Benediction by Elder Carroll.

THURSDAY, October 7, 1869.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. The Moderator read Psalm 84. Prayer by Elder Carroll.

Roll called. Minutes of yesterday read and corrected.

On motion of Elder Kennedy, Order of Business suspended, and the subject of itinerancy taken up. On motion of Elder Albritton, the list of Churches called and the delegates pledged amounts for the Churches, for this object, to be paid quarterly. Remarks were made by J. H. Mills, S. J. Faison, J. L. Carroll, J. N. Stallings, B. Oliver, J. C. Hiden, W. M. Kennedy and others.

The delegates pledged their respective Churches to pay the following amounts quarterly:

Wilmington, $12.50; Moore's Creek, $3.75; Riley's Creek, $4; Shiloh, $2.50; Well's Chapel, $5; Bethel, $1.25; Lisbon, $3.75; Mt. Gilead, $3; New Hope, $1 50; Boykin's Chapel, $5; Beulah, $4; Piny Grove (Sampson) $2.50; Clinton, $5; Ebenezer, $5; Mt. Zion, $1; Bear Marsh, $10; Johnson's, $5; Kenansville, $6.25; Beaverdam, $3; Corinth, $2.50; Mt. Olive, $5.

INDIVIDUAL PLEDGES.—W. J. Merritt, $1; A. J. Barnhill, $2 50; I. Royal, $1; H. J. Carlton, 25 cents.

Committee on Systematic Benevolence reported. Adopted.

REPORT ON SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.

Your Committee on Systematic Benevolence beg leave to report:

By Systematic Benevolence we mean some fixed or permanent plan by which we may more efficiently carry on all the benevolent objects of this Association. When we remember the small pittance sent up to this session for the support of each of these objects, we must confess that we are asleep in Zion, and that it is time for us to awake, bestir ourselves, put on the armor and go to work. We feel there is a great fault somewhere, and your Committee would gladly suggest some plan upon which to operate, but we are at a loss to know what plan to recommend; we would leave this to the sound judgment of the whole body. We would presume, however, to make one or two suggestions. It may be that the great body of the laity of this Association are not fully informed as respects their duties. We therefore would recommend that the Pastors of our Churches, in the way of stated sermons and private conversations, instruct their respective flocks in this particular christian duty. We would further recommend, that our delegates here, who are perhaps better informed, and therefore more fully enlisted in the glorious cause, would feel it to be their duties, during the coming year, to plead with, and try, by loving kindness, to get the laggards to come up to the full measure of their christian duty.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. MILLARD,
B. MATTHEWS,
J. D. ELWELL,
} *Committee.*

Committee to nominate Executive Committee, reported. Adopted. (See page 2.)

Committee to nominate Trustees of Warsaw High School, reported. Adopted. (See page 2.)

Committee on Ministerial Support, reported. Adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

Your Committee, appointed to report on Ministerial Support, beg leave to submit,

That there is no duty more forcibly enjoined, or more clearly taught in the Scriptures, than that of giving support to our Ministers. We hold that *every member* should contribute his portion at stated times so that the Minister may obtain the necessaries of life without contracting debts, which have a tendency to harrass his mind, and often drive him to some secular employment. We need system. Our Churches ought to require every member to give something for this object, unless excused by the Church. A member who never aids in supporting his Pastor, feels little or no interest in his welfare. One great reason of this indifference is that our Ministers do not speak enough on the subject; they should not fear the charge of self-interest; they well know that they must have the means of subsistence, as well as others, and if they are not supported by their Churches, they must look to something else besides preaching.

G. M. ROBERTS,
J. H. LOFTON,
J. B. HIGHSMITH,
} *Committee.*

Committee of Finance reported. Adopted.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Amounts received for different objects.

CHURCHES.	Association Fund.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Total.
Wilmington,	$5 00	$50 00		$55 00
Mt. Holly,	2 45			2 45
Moore's Creek,	4 00	4 00		8 00
Bethlehem,	2 00	10 00		12 00
Marshall's M. H.,	2 00			2 00
Riley's Creek,	3 25			3 25
Shiloh,	2 21	9 55	3 60	15 36
Well's Chapel,	4 00	7 60		11 60
Bethel.	2 75	3 50		6 25
Mt. Gilead,	3 00	2 25		5 25
New Hope,	2 75	2 75		5 50
Boykin's Chapel,	3 00	4 10		7 10
Beulah,	2 30	5 25		7 55
Lisbon,	2 50			2 50
Piny Grove,	3 00	3 05		6 05
Rowan,	2 00			2 00
Clinton,	2 50	10 00		12 50
Ebenezer,	2 00			2 00
Mt. Zion,	1 00			1 00
French's Creek,	2 0	25		3 25
Haw Bluff,	2 00	10 00		12 00
Bear Marsh,	4 00			4 00
Warsaw,	3 00	1 25		4 25
Johnson's M. H.,	2 40	9 00		11 40
Kenansville,	3 40			3 40
Beaverdam,	4 00	6 90		10 90
Concord,	2 00	1 30		3 30
Berea,	1 70			1 70
Hallsville,	3 00	3 25		6 25
Corinth,	1 85	3 40		5 25
Dobson's Chapel,	75	75		1 50
Tuckahoe,	1 00			1 00
Beaufort,	1 00			1 00
Smyrna,	1 50			1 50
Kinston,	1 00	2 00		3 00
Davis' Shore,	1 50			1 50
Woodville,	1 00			1 00
Young Bethel,	1 00			1 00
Prospect,	1 00			1 00
Mt. Olive,	2 35	5 75	1 50	9 60
Falling Creek	2 00	1 25		3 25
	$95 16	$158 85	$5 10	
Collecton at stand,		21 68		21 68
		$179 83		$280 90

Fort Barnwell $2, to be sent to Clerk.

Committee on Spiritual Condition of Churches reported. Adopted.

REPORT.

Your Committee on the Condition of the Churches, report: That although while a few of the Churches have enjoyed revival seasons during the past Associational year, and give indications of increased piety and activity, the spiritual condition of our Churches generally, is about the same as at our last session.

It is the opinion of your Committee, that, until our Churches shall have evinced a deeper interest in the Sabbath School work, the Prayer Meeting, Systematic Benevolence, and the religious observance of the Sabbath, there is little hope of attaining to any considerable degree of efficiency or usefulness. But few Churches report revivals during the past year; two or three, prayer meetings; only two Churches have sent up contributions for Foreign Missions; twenty report Sabbath Schools, and some of these suspend during the winter; while several Churches report nothing contributed for Associational Missions, others only very small amounts. We earnestly recommend that our Churches have religious services every Sabbath in the year, and more preaching than hitherto: also that they have more frequent seasons of special prayer for the outpouring of God's Spirit.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. KENNEDY,
J. T. ALBRITTON,
ISHAM ROYAL,
} *Committee.*

Committee on Order of business reported. Adopted. (See Order of Business.)

On motion of Elder Stallings,

Resolved, That this body transact its business with proper deliberations and adjourn when the business is all transacted.

Committee on Religious Publications reported. Adopted.

Remarks by J. H. Mills, Elders Hiden and Kennedy, Moderator and S. J. Faison.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS PUBLICATIONS.

We recommend the *Biblical Recorder* as an able and sound exponent of Baptist views, and we would earnestly appeal to the brethren to give it a more general and hearty support.

The *Home and Foreign Journal*, as the organ of the various boards of the Southern Baptist Convention, is worthy of our confidence, and should be largely circulated, especially as its price is so low as to bring it within the reach of all.

The *Sunday School Banner* is ably conducted, and would be of great service to our Sunday School teachers, by suggesting new and feasible plans for instructing the children.

Kind Words still holds its place as the Sunday School paper of the Southern Baptist Convention, and should be widely circulated and generally read by our Sunday School children. We also recommend the *Child's Delight* as a valuable Sunday School paper.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

Committee on Religious Exercises reported, preaching this evening at 2 o'clock by Elder Best.

Adjourned till 1½ o'clock. Benediction by Elder Hiden.

Re-assembled. Committee on the objects of the Baptist S. S. Convention reported. Adopted.

Remarks by Elders J. L. Carroll and J. N. Stallings.

REPORT ON BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

Your Committee on the Baptist State Convention submit the following:

We consider its objects as very important, these being State Missions by which the destitute sections of the State are supplied with the Gospel; Wake Forest College, and the education, at that institution, of young Ministers; at the same time co-operating with the Southern Baptist Convention in Domestic and Foreign Missions. In view of the growing importance of the State Mission work, we submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Association recommend to the Churches, and each individual christian, to do all in their power for the promotion of this good work, and that we co-operate to the extent of our ability with the State Convention.

In regard to the subject of Ministerial Education, your Committee think our Association needs to be aroused to deeper interest. The revolution in our social order, the tide of imigration setting in amongst us, and the impetus being given to the subject of education, require that our young men, and especially our ministry, be made equal to the demands of the times. In view of these facts, your Committee earnestly commends to the favorable consideration of our brethren, having sons to educate, Wake Forest College, our denominational school. In this institution we have twelve young ministers as beneficiaries, preparing themselves fully for the work of preaching the gospel. These brethren have strong claims upon this Association, especially as two of them, brethren Bland and Newton, are from Churches in our bounds, and as there is urgent necessity for immediate funds to enable the Board to pay the expenses of these beneficiaries.

Resolved, That we take a collection now for the benefit of the Board of Education, and recommend the Churches to raise regular contributions for this purpose.

Respectfully,
COMMITTEE.

On motion, proceeded to take up a collection for the benefit of the beneficiaries at Wake Forest. Amount collected, $30.35

Rules of Order suspended and the letters from Well's Chapel and New Hope, petitioning for next session of Association, taken up. Agreed to hold the next session at Well's Chapel, New Hanover County.

Committee on Sabbath Schools reported. Adopted.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We find in the Church letters, twenty Sabbath Schools reported, having 140 teachers, and 942 pupils. Four Schools report libraries. Thirty-seven Churches have not reported Sabbath Schools.

Your Committee state, with regret, that the letters from the Churches indicate no progress in this great work, during the past year. May the Head of the Church lead the brethren to see and do their duty in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,
COMMITTEE.

Report on Foreign Missions read and adopted. A letter was also read from Elder J. B. Taylor, D. D., Corresponding Secretary Foreign Mission Board of Southern Baptist Convention, also a Missionary tract.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committee on Foreign Missions report that the insignificant sum of $5 10 only is sent up this year for Foreign Missions, which indicates a criminal want of interest in this department of Christian labor. The Committee recommend that the Churches do more for this enterprise, or ignore it altogether, in their Associational Conventions.

Respectfully submitted,
J. L. STEWART,
JNO. T. ALBRITTON,
J. H. STEVENS,
Committee.

Treasurer of Executive Committee reported. Adopted.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

D. J. MIDDLETON, Treasurer of Executive Committee,		Dr.
To cash balance of last year,		$68 93
" " from Boykin's Chapel,		10 01
" " " Well's Chapel,		15 45
Contribution from a blind man,		25
" " Bear Marsh,		20 52
" " Bro. H. E. Carr,		1 00
" " " Jesse Jackson,		3 00
" " " J. F. Maxwell, (educational)		25
" " Prospect,		2 35
" " Woodenton,		14 00
" " Ebenezer,		5 70
" " Mt. Gilead,		16 11
" " Beulah,		5 20
" " Kinston,		1 00
" " Christian Chapel,		25
" " Beaverdam, (collection)		16 88
" " Kenansville,		9 20
" " Clinton, (collection)		21 90
" " Bethlehem,		3 50
" " H MeAlpin,		1 40
" " J. J. Davis,		3 75
" " Tuckahoe,		3 50
" " Mt. Holly, (collection)		5 16
		$229 41
Amount sent up to present session,		154 90
Collection at stage,		21 68
		$405 99

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By Amount paid J. J. Rhodes during the year,	$200 00	
" " " Clinton Church	30 16½	
" " " W. J. Southerland, printing circular,	3 75	
" " " Foreign Missions,	10 10	
" " " Chinquepin Church,	50 00	
" " " W. T. Walters, Educational,	25	
		$294 26½
Balanee on hand,		$111 72½

The Committee appointed to audit the account of the Treasurer of the Executive Committee beg leave to report that we have examined his accounts and find his report correct.

Respectfully submitted,

OWEN FENNELL, Chairman.

Treasurer of Association reported. Adopted.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF ASSOCIATION.

		Dr.
To amount received from Financial Committee,		$221 98
CONTRA.		
In pursuance of the order of Association.		
Paid to Treasurer of Executive Committee for Home Missions,	$113 40	
" " " " " Foreign Missions,	10 10	
" Clerk of Association, fund for its expenses,	98 48	
	$221 98	

The Committee appointed to audit the account of the Treasurer of Association, have performed that duty and find the report correct.

Respectfully submitted,

OWEN FENNELL, Chairman.

Trustees of Warsaw High School reported. Adopted.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL.

The Board of Trustees beg leave to submit the report of the Principal of the School, and to express their endorsement of his course, and to urge upon brethren the importance of patronizing the School.

The School can never be what it was intended, unless brethren, who have sons and daughters to educate, and have to send them from home to school, send them to this School. The Trustees would suggest that as soon as practicable, the Association connect with this institution a department of Scientific and Practical Agriculture.

Respectfully,
W. M KENNEDY, Principal.

TO THE TRUSTEES OF WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL.

In submitting to you this, my annual report, I beg leave to state that the School is in about the same condition as when I last reported, except that the Music Department has been resumed, which I design to continue. Brethren, can we not do more for this School? Can we not do more for the object that we have labored so long to relieve of the burden of debt? Can we not support two or even three teachers by our patronage? Your Principal has made sacrfices for the benefit of the School, and is willing to make more. With a small effort on the part of the friends of the Institute, the School can be placed in such a condition as to reflect credit on the denomination. The financial condition of the country has been such that heretofore we could not expect much, but as it improves we should devote more attention to the education of our children. If we cultivate their minds, and store them with good, practical knowledge, they will thank us for it, and consider it the best inheritance they could receive. Your School offers tuition at ten, twelve, and twenty dollars per session, with liberal deductions in favor of Ministers' children. The present session closes the 17th of December; the next will begin the 3rd Monday in January.

Respectfully,
ISHAM ROYAL, Principal.

The letter from French's Creek was taken up, and a letter of dismission granted to said Church, to unite with the Cape Fear Association.

Committee to nominate ministers to preach State Sermons at next session reported the following: Introductory Sermon, Elder J. P. Faison, Alternate, Elder J. C. Hiden. Missionary Sermon, Elder J. N. Stallings, Alternate, Elder J. L. Stewart.

Treasurer of Ministers Relief Society reported the following:

REPORT.

D. K. KORNEGAY, Treasurer of Ministers' Relief Society, Dr.

Oct. 7, 1869.	To one note on J. J. Whitehead, due Jan. 1st, 1872,	$700 00
	" " " " " " " " 1868,	42 00
	Interest on same,	4 42
	One note on J. J. Whitehead, due Jan. 1st, 1869,	42 00
	Interest,	2 52
	One note on J. J. Whitehead, due Jan. 1st, 1872,	42 00
	" " " " " " " 1871,	42 00
	" " " " " " " 1870,	42 00
	Sundry notes, due October 7th, 1869,	214 18
	Total,	$1,131 12

Respectfully submitted,
D. K. KORNEGAY, Treasurer.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due, and hereby tendered to the community for their liberality and hospitality in entertaining the delegates and visitors.

The Treasurer of the Association was ordered to pay the amounts in his hands to all the objects for which they are designated.

On motion of Elder J. N. Stallings, the following was adopted:

WHEREAS, Jones Carroll, late of the State of Georgia, but formerly of Duplin County, N C., a devoted Christian, and for a long time of his life an active, zealous, and efficient member of the Baptist Church, and once, for some time, Moderator of this Associaton. has recently died; and whereas on account of his devotion to the cause of religion, it is fit that we, who once enjoyed his labors, should express our sentiments:

Resolved, That this Association, while submitting, with a becoming spirit, to this afflicting dispensation of Allwise Providence, would express its sympathy with the bereaved family and Church of our devoted brother, and thus manifest our appreciation of his consistent life and devoted labors in the cause.

On motion, Washington was stricken from the list of Churches in the Minutes.

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to prepare a proper form of Church letters to Association, and that the Clerk have 200 copies struck off, and draw on Treasurer for amount, and distribute them with the Minutes among the Churches.

J. N. Stallings, W M. Kennedy, and I. Royal were appointed the Committee for this purpose.

It being reported to the Asssociation that Antioch Church was retaining a minister as one of her members, whose orthodoxy is doubtful, the matter was referred to the Executive Committee.

On motion of J. M. Millard, the Clerk was allowed $25 and expenses for his services, and that the balance of the Association fund be expended in printing Minutes and the Church letters.

Proceeded to adjourn. Prayer by Elder Hiden.

Brother B. Oliver, made a few affectionate, parting remarks. Hymn "Hail sweetest, dearest tie that binds."

The parting hand was given. The Association adjourned to meet at Well's Chapel, Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1870.

Benediction by Moderator.

HUGH McALPIN, MODERATOR.

ISHAM ROYAL, Clerk.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the Eastern Association.

ART. 2. The objects of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ART 3. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates.

ART. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter, certifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the state of the church.

ART 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen from among its members by ballot, by a majority of the members voting, and continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint Committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, and superintend their printing and distribution among the churches.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body and disburse the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

ART. 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee, consisting of not less than five or more than seven members; which Committee shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and Colportage. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and during intervals between the meetings of this body, to receive and disburse funds for those objects, and to take such steps for their advancement as they shall deem advisable, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings.

ART. 10. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of her churches which neglect to preserve gospel order.

ART. 11. The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of the body except that of voting.

ART. 12. The annual session of this Association shall commence on Tuesday after the first Lord's day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

ART. 13 By appointment of the Association, there shall be an Introductory Sermon, of a denominational character, and a Missionary Sermon.

ART. 14. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the proceeding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence, a chairman, *pro tem*, shall be elected.
2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.
3. At each daily session, and previous to proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous daily sesions read.
4. The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes christians.
5. Any member wishing to speak shall arise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.
6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.
7. All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer before discussion.
8. No motion shall be withdrawn after its discussion.
9. When a question is under discussion, no motion or proposition shall be received, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.
10. After a motion is decided, any member having voted in the majority, may move a reconsideration.
11. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association, without permission of the presiding officer, and no one shall take final leave of absence without the permission of the Association, and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the minutes.
12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.
14. The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to its consideration.
14. The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a majority of votes.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading Church letters and enrolling delegates.
2. Election of officers.
3. Call for Petitionary letters.
4. Appointment of Committees.
5. Reception of corresponding delegates and visitors.
6. Appointment of corresponding delegates
7. Reports of standing Committees.
8. Reports of other Committees.
9. Report of Trustees of Ministers' Relief Society.
10. Report of Treasurer.
11. Miscellaneous Business.
12. Adjournment.

RULES OF DECORUM FOR THE CHURCHES.

1. We will hold at least four Conferenee meetings in the year for the transaction of business; also speeial meetings whenever requisite.

2. The names of the members shall be ealled at every regular meeting, and there shall be due notiee taken of the absenee of those who discover a disposition to absent themselves.

3. At every Conferenee, the pastor, in his right of offiee, shall preside as Moderator; and in case of his absence, the Conferenee shall appoint a Moderator, *pro tem*, who shall open Conferenee by devotional exereises.

4. The Clerk shall keep a Chureh book, in whieh all the proeeedings of the Conference shall be faithfully transeribed, and at every regular meeting the minutes of the preeeding meeting shall be read immediately after the names are ealled.

5 An invitation shall be given to brethren of our faith and order to sit with us in Conference, who shall enjoy all the privileges of the meeting exeept that of voting.

6. Every subjeet for the eonsideration of the Conferenee shall be introduced by a motion, whieh, when seeonded, shall be debated and aeted upon, unless withdrawn by the mover.

7. Every speaker shall rise and address the Moderator by the appellation of brother, and shall eonfine his remarks to the subjeet under debate, and shall not be allowed to speak more than twiee on one subjeet, exeept by permission of the Church.

8. No member shall withdraw from the Conferenee without the permission of the Moderator.

9. It shall be required that in matters of differenee between members, before complaint is made to the church, the aggrieved party shall have duly attended to the instruetions of our Lord, Matt. 18th ehapter, 16th, 17th and 18th verses, and publie offences or such as operate against the peaee of the ehurch, shall be the subjeet of diseipline.

10. All questions submitted to the Conferenee shall be decided by a majority of votes, exeept reeeiving members to fellowship; and any question may be reconsidered upon the motion of any who voted in the affirmative.

11. The Moderator shall propound all questions for vote—shall keep the speakers to the subject under debate—may express his own views, after others are done speaking, and see that these rules are faithfully observed.

12. These Rules of Decorum may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the whole church.

Resolved, That this Association recommend the adoption of the foregoing rules to all the churches that comprise this body.

TABLE NO. 1.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS & POST OFFICES.	CLERKS & POST OFFICES.	REGULAR MEETINGS IN EACH MONTH.	REMARKS.
Wilmington.	J. C. Hiden, Wilmington,	C. W. Oldham, Wilmington,		
Mt. Holly,	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia,	B. Carroll, Camera,	1st Sunday, and Sat before.	
Moore's Creek,	J. R. Oliver, Colvin's Creek,	John Moore, Colvin's Creek,	1st and 4th.	Weekly Prayer Meeting.
Bethlehem,	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store,	B. F. Keith, " "	2nd.	Blessed with revival.
Marshall's M. H.,		D. J. Corbett,	4th	
Shiloh,	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store,	H. S. Averett,	3d.	Reports coldness and declens'n.
Well's Chapel.	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia,	G. W. Highsmith, Harrell's Store	2nd.	Large cong'ns, but in cold state.
Riley's Creek,	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia,	S. S. Prather, Rocky Point,	3d.	Reports revival—healthy state
Bethel,	J. P. Faison,	M. H. Oates, Magnolia,	4th.	
Lisbon,	J. L. Stewart, Clinton,	Richard Herring, Clinton,	1st.	Good congregations.
Mt. Gilead,	H. McAlpin, "	J. J. Vann, "	4th.	Reports coldness.
New Hope,	A. Guy, Warsaw,	J. J. Carroll, "	1st.	Large congregations—revivals.
Boykin's Chapel,	H. McAlpin, Clinton,	M. M. Killett, "	2d.	Reports lukewarmness.
Beulah,	J. L. Stewart, "	J. M. Millard, "	4th.	At peace.
Piny Grove, (Sampson)	J. L. Stewart, "	J. Hobbs, "	2nd.	Two Sabbath Schools.
Rowan,	W. H. Howard, "	W. M. Williamson, "	3d.	Somewhat revived.
Clinton,	H. McAlpin, "	C. P. Johnson, "	3d.	Healthy.
Ebenezer,	J. L. Stewart, "	Robert Highsmith, "	3d.	" [tist influence.
Mt. Zion,	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store,	J. Stringfield, Harrell's Store,	1st.	Revivals, affected by pedo-bap-
Haw Bluff,	J. D. Elwell,	O. M. Barnhill, Bl'k Riv. Chapel,	3rd.	
Mt. Olive,	W. M. Kennedy. Magnolia,	J. D. Roberts, Mt. Olive,	4th.	Prospects encouraging.
Falling Creek,	A. B. Alderman, Hawley's Store,	G. S. Peterson, Goldsboro',	2d.	Good congregations—attentive.
Bear Marsh,	J. N. Stallings, Kenansville,	A. S. Davis, Mt. Olive,	3d.	Pays Pastor quarterly.
Warsaw,	A. Guy, Warsaw,	J. W. R. Bass, Warsaw,	4th.	Reports coldness.
Johnson's M. H.,	G. S. Best, Kenansville,	W. C. Carlton, "	1st.	Glorious harvest of souls.
Kenansville,	J. N. Stallings, Kenansville,	D. J. Middleton, Kenansville,	2d.	
Beaverdam,	J. N. Stallings, "	G. W. Carroll, "	4th.	Happy season of revival.
Concord,	A. Guy, Warsaw,	J. W. Taylor, Magnolia,	2d.	Very cold state.
Berea,	H. P. Grimsley,	G. F. Dempsey, Wallace,		
Island Creek,	A. Guy, Warsaw,			
Hallsville,	G. S. Best, Kenansville,	D. B. Brown, Hallsville,	4th.	Reports inactivity and coldness.
Corinth,	No Pastor,	T. H. Rogers, Magnolia.		Occasional preaching.

Prospect,	No Pastor,	Jackson Potter, Albertson's,		Some of the members gone to the Free Wills and Ironsides.
Chinquepin,	G. S. Best, Kenansville,			
Dobson's Chapel,	G. S. Best, Kenansville,	J. T Carroll, Kenansville,	3d.	Large and attentive congrega'ns
Tuckahoe,	No Pastor,	A. F. Cox,	1st,	Prayer meeting,
Fort Barnwell,	Levi Thorne, Beaufort,	J. W. Biddle,		Precious Seasons of revival,
Beaufort,	Levi Thorne, Beaufort,	Thos. D. Noe, Beaufort,	3 Sabbaths,	Feeble, lab's agan't odds & ends
Smyrna,	Thos. J. Leary, Beaufort,	I. Davis, Beaufort,	1st,	Reports many conversions,
Woodville,	Thos. J. Leary. Beaufort,	D Arthur, Beaufort,	4th,	Increasing, revival,
Kinston,	A. D. Cohen, Newberne,	P. Hardee, Kinston,	3d,	Nothing cheering,
Davis' Shore,	Thos. J. Leary, Beaufort,	F. Willis, Beaufort,	3d,	Feeble but healthy,
Young Bethel,	Thos. J. Leary, Beaufort,	W. J. Smith, Beaufort,	2d,	

TABLE No. 2.

CHURCHES.	When Constituted	COUNTIES.	Additions. By Baptism.	Additions. By Letter.	Additions. Restora'n.	Diminutions. By Letter	Diminutions. Excluded	Diminutions. Deaths.	White Members.	Co'ored Members.	Total.	Sunday School Statistics. Teachers.	Pupils.	Volumes in Library	Superintendents.	Pastor's Salary.
Wilmington,		New Hanover,		19		7	4	3			183	22	140	300		
Mt. Holly,	1833	" "	2	4		1	3	1	110	36	146					
Moore's Creek,		" "	12	4		6		4			140				C. P. Moore.	
Bethlehem,	1837	" "	20	6	3			1			91					$104 00
Marshall's M. H.		" "				6					20					
Riley's Creek,		" "	9	2		6	5	1			81					
Shiloh,	1853	" "		1		2	6	1	109	63	172					
Well's Chapel,				1							167					
Bethel,	1843	Sampson,					1				72					115 50
Lisbon,		"				1	5				73		30		A. R. Herring.	
Mt. Gilead,		"		3		4	3	1			95				Jno. Vann,	150 00
New Hope,		"	20	5		8	2	6	130	38	168				E. Strickland,	
Boykin's Chapel,	1846	"		2	2	2	5	1	119	19	138	7	35		J. L. Boykin.	150 00
Beulah,	1814	"		2	4	4			53		53					
Piny Grove,	1846	"		3				1	157	33	190	6 / 2	68 / 30		J. Shipp, / J. W. Lane.	175 00
Rowan,	1759	"	5	1		6	1		92	20	112					
Clinton,	1855	"	9	12		2			49	33	83					
Ebenezer,	1867	"		1		2		1	42	1	43	8	36		Robert Highsmith	
Brown's M. H.	1828	"									63*					
Canaan,	1858	"									45*					
Mt. Zion,	1845	Bladen,							26		26					92 00
Haw Bluff,	1859	"	9	3	1		2				74	4	32	40	W. F. Brown.	80 00
Nat Moore Creek,		"									38*					
Mt. Olive,	1869	Wayne,									42	8	60		J. T. Albritton.	
Falling Creek,		"		1		3	3	3	55	7	62	8	50			
Bear Marsh,	1835	Duplin,		1		23	1	6	184	50	234					
Warsaw,	1855	"	1	6		20	3	4	122	12	134	8	49	175	I. Royal.	
Johnson's,		"	24	7		18	4		188	62	250	8	52		O. P. Middleton.	

Kenansville,		Duplin					3		1				51					Mrs. M. N. Grimes
Beaverdam,		"	16				18	3		160	45	205						
Concord,		"		8	3		3	1	3	83	33	116						
Bercaw,	1844	"	4	1	1			10	1	82	1	83						
Island Creek,	1803	"										142*						
Hallsville,	1850	"						3	2	125	61	186						
Corinth,	1850	"					1	1	1	50	1	57		7	35	100	J. K. Williams,	
Antioch,	1858	"										11*						
Prospect,		"										27*						
Chinquepin,	1860	"										42*						
Dobson's Chapel,	1867	"		4			1		1	54		54						
Pine Grove,	1841	Jones,										43*						
Tuckahoe,	1865	"	2					6		31	6	37						
Newberne,		Craven,										94*						
Brice's Creek,	1854	"										11						
Fort Barnwell,		"	12									21						
Beaufort,		Carteret,	1	2								38						
Smyrna,		"	65	4				2	4	94		94		11	61			
Woodville,		"	15		1							19						
Kinston,		Lenoir,		5			2		2			21						
Woodenton,	1858	"										24*						
Union,		"										41*						
Union Chapel,		Onslow,										89*						
Jacksonville,		"										12*						
Pleasant Hill,		"										31*						
Davis' Shore,	1867	Carteret,	11	2			1	1	3	88	4	92		11	70			
Young Bethel,	1867	"	1	3			2	2	2			34						
French's Creek,		Bladen,					2	3	2	99	7	106						
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N. B.—Those numbers marked thus * are taken from the Minutes of last year.

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PROCEEDINGS.

WELLS' CHAPEL, NEW HANOVER CO., N. C.
October 4th, 1870.

The Eastern Association met according to adjournment. Introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. P. Faison, from Mark xi; 23. "He shall have whatsoever he saith."

After an intermission of half an hour, the Association was called to order by Elder D. McAlpin, Moderator, who read the 3rd chapter of Colossians. Prayer, Elder Stallings, leading.

The list of Churches called—a majority being represented, proceeded to read the letters. Elders J. L. Stewart and J. N. Stallings, appointed Assistant Clerks.

J. L. Boykin, Joel Hines, Joel Lofton and C. P. Moore, appointed Committee of Finance. The following delegates were enrolled:

Wilmington.—J. C. Hiden, A. Alderman.

Mt. Holly,—Thos. J. Lee, Isaiah Carroll, V. N. Seawell.

Moore's Creek,—C. P. Moore, H. P. Brinson, H. M. Croom.

Bethlehem,—R. W. Prigen, N. P. Corbett.

Marshall's M. H..—Anthony Dew, C. V. Prigen.

Rileys's Creek,—Joel Hines, W. H. Thompson, W. S. Larkins.

Shiloh,—J. C. Moore, S. J. Boone, H. S. Averett.

Well's Chapel,—O. Fennell, L, Highsmith, S. J. Faison,

Bethel,—W. Fryer, H. J. Page, Amos Alderman.

Lisbon,—Richard Herring, A. K. Herring, C. G. Robinson.

Mt. Gilead.—John Vann, B. Mathews, D. Boney.

New Hope,—F. M. Carroll, J. K. Smith, A. B. Carroll.

Boykin's Chapel,—H. McAlpin, J. L, Boykin, M. M. Killett.

Brown's,—

Beulah,—A. M. Faison, W. H. Faison.

Piny Grove,—(Sampson,) J. W. Lane.

Rowan,—T. O. Kelly, P. O. Irvin.

Canaan,—

Clinton,—H. E. Carr, J. L. Stewart. B. S. Peterson.

Ebenezer,—J. J. Highsmith, L. W. Highsmith, G. W. Vann.

Mt. Zion,—S. Andrews, J. W. Newton, J. Stringfield.

Haw Bluff,—W. Sherman, H. G. Barnhill, A. J. Barnhill.

Natmore Creek,

Falling Creek,—J. L. Britt, W H. Hood,

Bear Marsh.—B. Oliver, J. Lofton, D. R. Kornegay.

Warsaw,—I. Royal, H. Brown. H J. Carlton.

Johnson's—W. M. Kennedy, G. S. Best, W. C. Carlton.

Kenansville,—J. N. Stallings, F. M. Sutherland, D. J. Middleton.

Beaverdam,—J. D. Carroll, J. W. Swinson, M. Rogers.

Concord,—W. Price, J. B. Heath, R. J. Strickland.

Berea,—D. H. Murray, R. J. Johnson, J. D. Southerland.

Island Creek,—R. Wallace, J. W. Hanchy.

Hallsville,—J. T. Carroll; *Corinth*, Jos. Boone; *Prospect*; *Chinquapin*; *Dobson's Chapel*—W. Bradshaw, O. D. Bostick; *Piny Grove*, (Jones') Letter; *Tuckahoe*; *Newbern*, L. Thorne; *Brice's Creek*; *Fort Barnwell*; *Beaufort*, L. Thorne; *Smyrna*, Letter; *Woodville*, Letter; *Kinston*, Letter; *Woodenton*, Letter; *Union*, G. W. Sanderlin; *Jacksonville*; *Pleasant Hill*; *Davis Shore*, Letter; *Young Bethel*, Henry Harrell; *Mt. Olive*, J. T. Albritton, O. Summerlin; *Trenton*, W. H. Mallard, Peter Andrews.

The letters from New Hope and Ebenezer, petitioning for next session of Association, laid on the table.

On motion, proceeded to election of officers.

D. J. Middleton, B. Mathews, S. J. Faison, appointed tellers for election of Moderator.

D. K. Kornegay, J. W. Lane, J. K. Smith, tellers for election of Clerk; J. D. Carroll, V. N. Sewell, H. Brown, for election of Treasurer.

Result: Elder H. McAlpin re-elected Moderator; Isham Royal re-elected Clerk; Dr. V. N. Seawell, elected Treasurer.

Petitionary letters called for. The Church at Union, Lenoir County was received. Moved to recognize Elder G. W. Sand-

erlin as delegate from said church, and the right hand of fellowship extended. The letter from Union, petitioning for next session of Association, laid on the table.

The church at Trenton, Jones County, is also received, and the right hand of fellowship extended to the delegates.

On motion the Committee of Finance was instructed to distinguish in their report between funds paid during the year, and those sent up to this session.

On motion Elders G. W. Hufham, H. McAlpin and brethren L. Highsmith, J. M. Fennell, are appointed a Committee on Religious exercises. On motion, order of business suspended for the purpose of extending invitation to visitors, which being done, the following brethren were reported: Elder G W. Sanderlin, corresponding delegate from Pamlico Association, Elder J. D. Elwell, corresponding delegate from the Cape Fear Association; brother J. H. Mills, editor of Biblical Recorder.

On motion proceeded to appoint the following committees:—
To nominate Executive Committee—J. L. Boykin, Joel Hines, John Vann.

To nominate Trustees of Warsaw High School: R. Herring, B. Oliver, P. C. Moore.

Spiritual Condition of the Churches,—J. L. Stewart, W. M. Kennedy, G. S. Best.

Sabbath Schools.—J. T. Albritton, H. S. Averett, V. N. Seawell.

Religious Publications,—J. N. Stallings, L. Highsmith, T. O. Kelly.

Ministerial Support,—J C. Hiden, A. M. Faison, B. S. Peterson.

Obituaries,—W. M. Kennedy, J. L. Stuart, J. C, Hiden,

Foreign Missions,—Levi thorne, G. W. Sanderlin, Kedar Vann.

The committee on Religious exercises reported, Elder Levi Thorne to preach to morrow morning.

The Moderator appointed Elder G. S. Best to conduct prayer meeting.

On motion adjourned to meet at 9 1-2 o'clock to morrow morning. Prayer by Eld Thorne. Benediction by Moderator.

WEDNESDAY, Oct, 5th, 1870,

Met pursuant to adjournment, Prayer meeting conducted by Elder G S Best, The Moderator read 1 Thess, v chap. Singing; Prayer by Elder Stewart; Roll called; Minutes read and corrected,

Invitation extended to visitors, Elder J. L. Carroll announced himself on a visit from Central Association, and the representative of the Board of Education of the Baptist State Convention.

On Motion, G W Sanderlin, J. L. Carroll and J. H. Mills, appointed a committee on Ministerial Education.

Letter from Union Chapel read.

The following committees appointed:

Auditing Committee. O. Ferrell. F. Duffy, J. W. Morton.

To nominate delegates to Baptist Convention. W. H. Faison, W. S. Larkins, B. Mathews,

Moved to appoint the following committees to report next session:

Ministerial Education. J. C. Hiden, J. L. Stewart, J, S. Albritton.

To report on Missions. Elders W. M. Kennedy, J. N. Stallings, G. S. Best.

Sabbath School. J. M, Wooten, F. Duffy, B. Oliver.

Temperance. J. T. Albritton, Isham Royal, G. Clute.

Eld. J. C. Hiden offered the following:

Resolved. That this Association affectionately, but earnestly counsels the churches within its bounds to use all their moral influence to discountenance the promiscuous manufacture and sale of intoxicating drinks by the members of the churches; and that we recommend the churches to exercise discipline in the cases of such members as persist in such manufacture or sale, under such circumstances as to scandalize the churchand bring reproach upon the cause of Christ.

Remarks by J. H. Mills. Adopted.

Adjourned to hear Missionary Sermon by Elder J. N. Stallings, who preached from Rom. x: 13, 14, 15. "For whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed; and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach, except they be sent?"

Public collection, $16 40.

Moved to appoint committees on the following subjects:

Systematic Benevolence. S. J. Faison, J. P. Faison, J. R. Oliver.

To nominate Ministers to preach Stated Sermon at next session. B Oliver, H E. Carr, D. Boney.

Moved, That any delegate of this Association, who may be present at the sessions of any of the Associations with which we correspond, be considered as delegates to said bodies. Elder J. R Oliver, was appointed to Cape Fear Association.

Executive Committee reported. Adopted.

During the consideration of the report, remarks were made by B. Oliver, G. S. Best, L. Thorne, H. Harrell, J. M. Wooten.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Your committee Beg leave to lay before you the following statement in reference to their work during the past year:

Early in the year about the 1st of Dec. last, we employed Elder G. S. Best to spend three fourths of his time in the destitution below. He entered upon this work and has prosecuted it with zeal, energy and fidelity, and the Master has greatly blessed his labors. He has preached at Prospect church in Duplin county, Chapel church in Onslow, Tuckahoe and Piny Grove Churches in Jones county; also at Brock's school house in Onslow county, Nethercutt's S. H. and Trenton in Jones county, regularly; and has besides visited Jacksonville and Swansboro in Onslow one time, as well as Woodenton in Lenoir, and Jerman's school house in Onslow. At all these points there have been good congregations and deep interest manifested. The churches at Union chapel and Tuckahoe and Piny Grove are in a lively, prosperous condition; at Piny Grove 3 have been baptized; and 1 at Tuckahoe. At Trenton and Nethercutt's the result of the preaching has been 16 baptized and one received by experience and a church has been constituted out of these at Trenton with 17 members. This point is a very important one as a centre of influence, being the county seat of Jones, and the people being very favorably disposed and possessed of inteligence and means.

At Brock's school house and Jerman's near together, the prospect for a church is very fine. There are a number of christians in the neighborhood who are anxious for the constitution of a church and while the people are not wealthy they are thickly settled and liberally disposed. Brother Best was very favorably received at Jacksonville and Swansboro, and reports both places opening fine fields for the spread of our principles.

Your committee also state that brother Best has been eminently successful in collecting funds, having received about $200 already, while there are about $60 more which will be paid as per pledges made; thus collecting over one half of his salary, which shows us as fully as anything else the great desire the people have for preaching of the gospel. And your committee desire to impress upon you the importance of continuing to cultivate these fields ocupied by brother Best, and of ocupying others in those sections. The points to which

brother Best has gone are too many for one man to attend effectually while there are others of equally as great importance sufficient to occupy the time of several others. In this connection we state that brother Covington has written to us that he has found a minister who for $400 is willing to engage in this work for us. Thus it seems God is opening for us the way by which we may occupy this truly missionary field; if the churches will only with a spirit of conservation provide the means necessary to send forth the laborers.

Your committee have made an appropriation to Dobson's Chapel an interesting, but pecuniarily weak church in Duplin county. We have also made an appropriation to assist the churches in the neighborhood of Beaufort, to enable them to keep in their midst as their minister Elder T. J. Leary, whose labors have been greatly blessed in building up the cause there and who is greatly beloved by them, they being too weakly to sustain him alone. We would greatly regret to see him leave that section, indeed we think the association would act a suicidal part to permit him to leave for want of a support.

Thus dear brethren, we have laid before you the work done and have given you a faint idea of the work to be done, and in conclusion we would earnestly appeal to you to come up to the measure of your duty in contributing means for this blessed work, and that you earnestly pray Lord of the harvest for his divine blessing upon this enterprise.

B. OLIVER, Chairman,

Moved to call the roll of churches and receive pledges. During the calling Elder Kennedy moved to suspend until morning to give delegates time to consult with each other. Remarks by brethren Kennedy, S J Faison, B Oliver.

Committee on Religious Publications reported. Adopted. Remarks by brethren J. H. Mills, B. Oliver.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your committee earnestly recommend the BIBLICAL RECORDER, as worthy of the patronage and support of every Baptist, and heartily commend the editor in his management. Each Baptist in the Association should give to it his support and labor to increase its circulation.

We also recommend the Sunday School paper of the Southern Baptist Convention, published at Memphis; and *Home and Foreign Journal.*

COMMITTEE.

Committee on Religious Exercises reported J. L. Carroll, to preach to morrow morning at 10 o'clock, to be followed by Elder G. W. Sanderlin. Evening preaching by Elder J. C. Hiden.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to morrow morning. Prayer by bro. B. Oliver. Singing, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." Benediction by Elder Stallings.

THURSDAY, Oct., 6th 1870.

Met according to adjournment. The Moderator read James

2 : 1-x. Prayer by Elder W. M. Kennedy. Roll called. Proceedings of yesterday read and corrected.

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported. Adopted Remarks by Levy Thorne.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee on Foreign Missions report that it is a matter of profound gratitude to God that there is not now a single people or nation upon the earth to which the gospel of the grace of God can not be preached, and that there is not a written language among men in which the oracles of God have not been printed. The world thus opened and thus furnished with the Scriptures, presents to us and the present generation of christians the grandest theatre of christian labor, there has ever been witnessed since the first age of the church. The upheaving of nations, the sudden toppling down of the great man of sin, immediately on his blasphemeous assumption of dignity—the great cry of Italy and Central Europe for the Scriptures and for the preached word The fact that many of the priests are obedient to the word, and the desire of our boards to establish Missions in France, Spain and Italy should stir every christian heart and make every lover of Christ enstamp "Holiness to the Lord" upon everything he possesses. N. Carolina Baptists possess in Bro. Yates one of the best Missionaries of the present century; besides another of the sons of North Carolina, young brother Prichard, the son of the sainted J. L. Prichard, is now to be a companion and fellow laborer with Bro. Yates. Every member of our churches should feel a personal responsibility in sustaining these brethren.

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That we earnestly request every church within our bounds to appoint a committee to obtain from every member of the church a contribution great or small for this object.

LEVI THORNE,
G. W. SANDERLIN, } Com.
KEDER VANN

The committee to nominate Executive Committee reported.

(See page 2)

The committee on Ministerial Education, reported. Adopted. Remarks by Elders J. L. Carroll and J C. Hiden.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your committee are convinced that this subject is one, the importance of which can hardly be, and from present indications is not likely to be over estimated. If ever there was an urgent need for skilful, well-trained laborers in the Lord's vineyard, that need must surely be felt just now, and this for obvious reasons. The Scriptural teachings on this subject, the enlightened age in which we live, the skill and ability with which the teachers of error in all its forms are prosecuting their work—the changed condition of our people whereby the barriers have been broken down which once interposed to shield us from many of the isms prevailing so extensively in other sections of our country and with which we shall now have to grapple. These and other considerations press home upon us in a forcible manner the imperative necessity for a higher degree of ministerial culture. The Educational Board of the State Convention has been doing a good work and is entitled to the earnest prayers, warm

est sympathies and the material support of all the Baptists throughout the State. A Board which gave to the Foreign Mission field a Yates and to your own Association a Jno. L. Prichard, and which is doing so much in the way of supplying the churches with an Educated ministry, should surely receive at your hands such assistance as will enable them to greatly enlarge their operations. Your committee are deeply pained to learn that our churches on the contrary are falling far short in the support they have hitherto been giving to this object. Only six young men have been received as beneficiaries at Wake Forest, while quite a number have been turned off by the Board for want of means to support them.

Brethren these things ought not so to be, and we earnestly urge upon you the claims of the Board of Education to your more earnest prayers and more liberal support.

G. W. SANDERLIN,
J. H. MILLS,
J. L. CARROLL. } Com.

On motion of J. N. Stallings, a collection was taken up for the benefit of tho beneficiaries at Wake Forest College.

Amount collected, $53 75.

Moved that the Committee of Finance pay the amounts received by them, to the different objects designated.

Moved by I. Royal to take up the unfinished business of yesterday. The roll of churches were called, and the following amounts pledged for the objects entrusted to the Executive Committee.

Mt. Holly, $10; Wells Chapel, $10; Owen Fennell, $5; Bethel, $5, Lisbon, $20; Mt. Gilead, $12; New Hope, $10; Boykin's Chapel, $20; Beulah, $16; Piny Grove, $16; Rowan, $6; Clinton, $20; Ebenezer, $10, Mt. Zion, $4; Haw Bluff $10; Bear Marsh, $40; Isham Royal, $4; Johnson's M. H. $20; Kenansville, $20; Beaverdam, $15, Berea, $3; Island Creek, $5; Hallsville, $10; Dobson's Chapel $4; Newberne $25; Mt. Olive, $20; Trenton, $2; J. M. Wooten $5; F. Duffy $5.

Committee to select preachers for Stated Sermon at next session, reported. Adopted.

The committee appointed to select Ministers to preach stated sermon next session, beg leave to report the following.—Introductory sermon, Elder Levi Thorne, alternate, Elder J. L. Stewart; Missionary Sermon, Elder W. M. Kennedy.

Auditing Committee reported. Adopted.

WELL'S CHAPEL, October 5th 1870.

Report of Treasurer,

Dr.	To Amount received from Financial Committee,		$275 09
	" " " " Island Creek for Ass'n.		1 10
	" " " " " Home Miss.		1 20
			$277 39
	Foreign Missions,		5 10
	Total.		$282 49

Per Contra.

By Order of Association.

Paid to Treasurer of Executive Committee,	$181 13
" Clerk of Association,	96 26
" J. C. Hiden for Foreign Missions,	5 10
	$282 49

S. J. FAISON, Treasurer.

Your Committee, appointed for the purpose, have examined the Report of the Treasurer of the Association, and find it all balanced and correct.

Respectfully submitted,

OWEN FENNEL,
F. DUFFY,
J. WOOTEN. } Committee.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

D. J. Middleton, Treasurer of Executive Committee,	Dr.
To Cash balance of last year	$111 72
To amount from Mt. Gilead	8 50
" Collections at Johnson's	8 80
" from New Hope	5 65
" " Kenansville	20 00
" " Beulah	7 80
" " Ebenezer	12 00
" " Clinton	14 00
" " Mt. Holly	2 14
" " Shiloh	10 00
" " Mt. Olive	20 00
" " Bear Marsh	40 00
" " Brock's School House	52 75
" " Union Chapel	75 00
" " Beaverdam	11 50
Collection at Dobson's Chapel	6 00
" from Warsaw	1 00
" " Boykin's Chapel	13 00
" " Island Creek	1 20
" " Well's Chapel	7 00
" " Piny Grove	10 00
" " Lisbon	3 25
" " Trenton	25 75
" " Piny Grove (Jones)	29 75
" " Tuckahoe	21 35
" " Concord	2 00
" " Corinth	5 00
" " Bethel	5 00
" Collection at New Hope	8 08
" From Johnson's	10 00
" " Isham Royal	4 00
" " Prospect	2 00
" Collection at Falling Creek	4 85
	$558 41

D. J. Middleton, Treas. Ex, Committee.	CR.
By Amount paid Elder I. J. Leary	$100 00
" " " " A. Grey	25 00
" " " " G. S. Best	341 66⅔
Balance on hand	91 74⅓
	$558 41.

Respectfully submitted,

Your Committee appointed for the purpose have examined the acccounts of the Treasurer of Executive Committee and find them correct, with a balance on hand of $91 74⅓. All of which is respectfully submitted.

OWEN FENNELL,
J. M. WOOTEN,
F. DUFFY, } Committee.

Committee on Finance submitted the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF FINANCE.

CHURCHES.	Asso. Fund.	Itin. Fund	For. Mis.
Wilmington,	$ 5 00	$ 50 00	
Mt. Holly,	2 50	3 00	
Moore's Creek,	3 03	10 50	
Bethlehem,	1 70	7 00	
Marshall's M. H.	2 00	1 25	1 30
Riley's Creek,	3 00	8 00	
Shiloh,	2 00		2 00
Well's Chapel,	4 00	7 15	
Bethel,	2 00	4 00	2 00
Lisbon,	2 00	11 25	
New Hope,	3 00	4 30	
Mt. Gilead,	3 00		
Boykin's Chapel,	3 00	7 50	
Beulah,	2 50		
Piny Grove,	2 00		
Rowan,	2 50		
Clinton,	3 00	6 00	
Ebenezer,	2 00		
Mt. Zion,	1 00	4 00	
Haw Bluff,	1 60	10 00	
Falling Creek,	1 50		
Bear Marsh,	5 00		
Warsaw	3 00	2 50	75
Johnson's,	3 15	15 00	
Kenansville,	2 60		
Beaverdam,	3 50	6 50	1 00
Concord,	1 75	2 25	
Berea,	1 00	1 00	
Island Creek,	2 00	1 70	
Hallsville,	2 50	5 00	
Corinth,	1 15	5 00	
Dobson's Chapel,	55	1 00	
Piney Grove, Jones,	2 00		
New Berne,	3 00		
Beaufort,	1 00		
Kinston,	2 00	50	
Woodenton,	1 00		
Young Bethel,	1 25		
Smyrna,	1 50		
Woodville,	1 00		
Davis Shore,	1 50		
Mt. Olive,	2 10		2 00
Union,	2 00		
Trenton,	2 00		
Union Chapel,	2 00	5 00	
	$ 98 92	$ 179 40	$ 9 05

Collected at Stand, $15 40
From L. A. Merryman, 1 00

$16 40

Respectfully Submitted.

J. L. BOYKIN,
JOEL HINES,
C. P. MOORE,
JOEL LOFTON,
} Committee.

Committee to nominate delegates to Baptist State Convention reported. Adopted.

REPORT.

Your Committee recommend the following as delegates to the Baptist State Convention :

H. McAlpine, J. C. Biden, J. L. Stewart, G. S. Best, J. N. Stalling's, W. M. Kennedy, O. M. Mathews, J. S. Albritton, J. R. Oliver, J. P. Faison, L. Thorne G. W. Sanderlin, brethren V. N. Seawell, S. J. Faison, B. Oliver, I. Royal, B. S. Averett, F. Duffy.

W. H. FAISON,
B. MATHEWS,
W. S. LARKINS,
} Committee.

Committee on Obituaries reported. Adopted.

OBITUARIES.

Your committee on obituaries report that we have cause to feel thankful to our heavenly Father, that the lives of all our Ministers have been spared through another year, and that they are permitted to continue their labors of love and mercy among us. We are called on however to mourn the loss of one of our highly esteemed lay members, in the death of brother Junius M. Willard, late Clerk of Beulah church, and for several years a very useful member of this body, The annual letter from Beulah, to this session of your body, speaks of him as a highly esteemed and devoted christian, and a brother who abounded in every good word and work ; your committee are deeply sensible of the oss we have sustained in the death of this much loved brother, and would heartily commend his Christian life and devoted zeal and energy, to the imitation of his surviving brethren, and would offer their condolence to his bereaved widow and orphan children.

Respectfully submitted.

W. M. KENNEDY Chairman.

Committee to nominate Trustees of Warsaw High School, reported Adopted. [See page 2.]

President of Board of Trustees of Warsaw High School, made a verbal report. Allowed time to write a report and hand to clerk.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL.

The Trustees of Warsaw High School in submitting their annual report, beg leave to state that the school has been in operation during the year, both Male and female departments having been kept up. The school is in a healthy condition, but not receiving that patronage, necessary to make it what the originators designed.

The Trustees and principal are making arrangements to place the school in such a condition, that the facilities for receiving instruction will be greatly increased, also to keep the house in better condition than heretofore.--

We confidently appeal to an enlightened public to aid and sustain us in building up the school.

Respectfully submitted.

W. M. KENNEDY, President.

Committee on Systematic Benevolence, reported. Adopted.

REPORT ON SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.

The Committee on Systematic Benevolence respectfully presumes that every Christian gives some reflection to the duties of his calling, and that in the discharge of these—among the most important, he should consider

1st. What he can advance in support of his pastor, 2nd. What amount for Home Missions, 3rd. for Foreign Missions, 4thly. to some paper, advocating, according to his faith, an honest and truthful interpretation of the Bible. 5thly. What aid he can extend, under the head of promiscuous objects of benevolence.

In view of all these objects his obligations are wisely determined from a careful consideration of the circumstances attending each.

Regarding these various matters of Christian duty in some order, will necessarily institute a system, and by thus acting, the experience of our wisest and most useful christians, long and well established, gives assurance of the largest success. Let us take counsel therefrom and laboring in obedience thereto, let us patiently, but confidently look forward to that welcome plaudit "well done thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joys prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

S. J. FAISON, Chairman.

Moved by Elder W. M Kennedy to appoint a committee to solicit subscribers to the Biblical Recorder. Committee, W. Kennedy, G. S. Best, B. Mathews.

Committee on Ministerial Support, reported. Adopted. Remarks by brethren Oliver, Wooten and Stallings.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

The Committee on this subject have only to report that they know of nothing new in connection with the matter. So far as they are advised they see no special change in the purpose or plan of the churches in this direction, nor do they feel called upon to present arguments in favor of what we all admit to be a duty. It is certainly true, that there is very great neglect of this matter, on the part of our churches, generally, and that the need for reform is pressing.

We know of two brethren from this Association, who are pursuing their studies at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Greenvile, and we learn that two have applied as beneficiaries at Wake Forest College. Shall they be sustained?

COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Spiritual Condition of the Churches, offered the following, which was adopted.

Brethren: Your committee, to consider the religious State of the churches, beg leave to report that they regret to say that, from the consideration they have been able to give this matter, the spiritual condition of the churches is not very encouraging. The number of baptisms and revivals reported during the Associational year being quite small, and the entire membership several hundred less than last year. The little interest taken by the churches in the various objects of the Association is not such as to relieve the above view.

COMMITTEE.

Committee on Sabbath Schools, reported. Adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We find from the Church letters 21 report Sabbath Schools, having 170 teachers and 1,295 pupils; and of the churches represented, 19 are without sabbath schools. From these facts we note an increase over the report of last year. While almost every baptist is ready to a good word, we find a lamentable indisposition to perform the good work indispensable to the prosperity and progress of sabbath schools,

H. S. AVERETT,
J. T. ALBRETTON,
V N. SEAWELL. } Committee.

Resolved. That L. Highsmith, B. Oliver, and H. E. Carr, be appointed a Committee, to report to Clerk the names of all Ministers within our Association.

The Executive Committee to whom was referred the case of Antioch Church reported, recommending that Antioch be stricken from the list of churches.

Adopted.

After some discussion, on motion of Elder J. C. Hiden, the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, a Committee of this Association, having conferred with brother Henry R. Kornegay, and reported to us that they find him entertaining the doctrine of universal salvation, therefore; Resolved, That this Association hereby withdraw their fellowship from the said H. R. Kornegay, and that we no longer countenance him as a Baptist Minister.

Treasurer of Union Relief Society reported. Received and adopted.

REPORT OF TREASURER MINISTER'S RELIEF SOCIETY.

D. R. KORNEGAY, *Treasurer of Ministerial Relief Association.* DR.

Oct. 6th, 1870.	Note on J. J. Whitehead, due Jan. 1st. 1872.	$700 00
	" " " " " " 1868.	42 00
	Interest on same,	6 94
	Note on J. J. Whitaker, due Jan 1st 1869.	43 00
	Interest on same,	4 40
	Note on J. J. Whitehead, due Jan. 1st 1870,	42 00
	Interest on same,	1 89
	Note on J. J. Whitehead due Jan. 1st 1871.	42 00
	" " " " " " 1872,	42 00
	Sundry Notes due October 7th, 1870.	214 18
	Amount received during the year,	16 00
		$1153 41

Respectfully submitted,

D. R. KORNEGAY, Treasurer.

On motion of Elder W. M. Kennedy the letter from New Hope, Ebenezer and Union petitioning for next session of Association called up. Agreed to hold next session with New Hope, Sampson County.

On motion of S. J. Faison, B. Oliver, J. N. Stallings and J. L. Stewart, appointed a committee to report at next session, the propriety of dividing the Association in two parts.

On motion Clerk allowed $25 for services, and ordered to have the usual number of minutes printed, and distribute them among the churches.

On motion of J. M. Wooten,

Resolved That this Association hereby tender their thanks to this neighborhood for the kind entertainment of the delegates to the Association, and we trust and believe the Lord will repay them.

On motion of I. Royall, the following was adopted:

Resolved That the Pastors, and delegates of this Association, earnestly lay the claims of the Educational Board, of the Baptist State Convention, before their churches, take up collections and forward to Elder W. T. Walters.

The business of the Association having been completed, proceeded to adjourn.—Prayer by Elder Hiden.

Hymn, "Hail Sweetest dearest tie that binds"

While singing, the parting hand was extended.

Prayer, by Elder H. McAlpin, for Bro. Laban Carroll, detained at home by sickness.

The Association, adjourned to meet at New Hope, Sampson county, Tuesday after the first Sunday in October 1871.

Thus closed a very harmonious and long to be remembered, session of the Eastern Association. May the good seed sown, be a blessing to many.

HUGH McALPIN, MODERATOR.

ISHAM ROYAL, Clerk.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

G. W. HUFHAM, Warsaw.
A. GUY, "
W. M. KENNEDY, Magnolia.
J. N. STALLINGS, Kenansville
H. McALPIN, Clinton,
G. S. BEST, Kenansville,
J. L. STEWART, Clinton.
J. R. OLIVER, Mt. Olive.
JOHN J. ALBRITTON, "
H. P. BRINSON, Moore's Cre
J. P. FAISON, Harrell's Sto
O. M. MATHEWS, " "
J. C. HIDEN, Wilmington,
A. D. COHEN, Newbern,
LEVI THORNE, "
T. J. LEARY, Beaufort,
G. W. CAMP, Kinston.
J. J. RHODES, "

SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDANTS.	No. Teachers	No. Pupils.
Wilmington,	E. W. Manning,	24	200
Mt. Holly,	L. Carroll,	4	60
Moore's Creek,	C. P. Moore,	7	42
Wel' s Chapel,	L. R. Highsmith,	7	76
Riley's Creek,	W. S. Larkins,	4	30
New Hope,	Ephraim Strickland,	12	90
Boykin's Chapel,	S. L. Boykin,	5	30
Piny Grove,	J. W. Lane,	15	41
Rowan,	H. B. S. Garris,	7	75
Eoenezer,	Robt. Highsmith,	5	44
Falling Creek,	J. L. Britt,	10	77
Mt, Olive,	Jesse T. Albritton,	10	65
Bear Marsh,	Benj Oliver,	8	66
Warsaw,	Isham Royal,	6	37
Kenansville,	Mrs Mary N. Grimes,		
Concord,	J. W. Taylor,	4	
Newbern,	4 officials, 750 vols. in library.	18	142
Smyrna,	J Davis,	8	47
Woodville,	Jacob Arthur,	4	30
Davis Shore,	Seth Huggins,	11	71
Young Bethel,	Bryant Dickerson,	6	47
Kinston,	G. W. Camp,	5	30
Union,	Nannie Cobb,	11	36
Beaufort,		6	30
		179	1366

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the proceeding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence, a chairman, pro tem, shall be elected.
2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.
3. At each daily session, and previous to proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous daily sessions read.
4. The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes christians.
5. Any member wishing to speak shall arise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities
6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.
7. All motions seconded shall be definately stated by the presiding officer before discussion.
8. No motion shall be withdrawn after its discussion.
9. When a question is under discussion, no motion or proposition shall be received, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.
10. After a motion is decided, any member having voted in the majority, may move a reconsideration.
11. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association, without permission of the presiding officer, and no one shall take final leave of absence without the permission of the Association, and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the minutes.
12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.
13. The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to its considerations.
14. The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a majority of votes.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading Church letters and enrolling delegates.
2. Election of officers.
3. Call for Petitionary letters.
4. Appointment of Committees.
5. Reception of coresponding delegates and visitors.
6. Appointment of coresponding delegates.
7. Reports of standing Committees.
8. Reports of other Committees.
9. Report of Trustees of Minister's Relief Society.
10. Report of Treasurer.
11. Miscellaneous Business.
12. Adjournment.

TABLE NO. 1.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS & P. OFFICES.	CLERKS & POST OFFICES.	MEETS.
Wilmington,	J. C. Hiden, Wilmington.	Wm. P. Oldham, Wilmington.	Sunday morn and eve.
Mt. Holly,	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia,	V. N. Seawel, Walace.	1st Sunday and Sat. before.
Moore's Creek,	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store,	John Moore, Moore's Creek,	4th.
Bethlehem,	J. P. Faison, "	B. F. Reith, Pt. Caswell,	2nd.
Marshall's M. H.	D. J. Ray, Bogue Swamp,	D. J. Corbett, Colvin's Creek,	4th.
Shiloh,	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store,	H. S. Averett, Moore's Creek,	3rd.
Well's Chapel,	H. McAlpin, Clinton,	G. W. Highsmith, Harrell's Store,	1st.
Riley's Creek,	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store,	S. S. Prather, Rocky Point,	3rd.
Bethel,	No Pastor,	H. H. Oates, Magnolia,	4th.
Lisbon,	J. L. Stewart, Clinton,	Richard Herring, Harrell's Store,	1st.
Mt. Gilead,	H. McAlpin, "	J. J. Vann, Clinton,	4th.
New Hope,	H. McAlpin, "	J. L. Carroll, Magnolia,	2nd.
Boykin's Chapel,	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia,	M. M. Killett, Clinton,	2nd.
Beulah,	J. L. Stewart, Clinton.	A.M. Faison, Warsaw,	4th.
Piny Grove, Sampson,	J. L. Stewart, Clinton,	J. C. Hobbs, Clinton,	2nd.
Rowan,	Wm. H. Howard, "	S. Boone, Clinton,	3rd.
Clinton,	H. McAlpin, Clinton,	C. P. Johnson, Clinton,	3rd.
Ebenezer,	J. L. Stewart, "	Robt. Highsmith, "	
Mt. Zion,	C. C. Newton, Harrell's Store,	S. Andreus, Harrells Store,	1st.
Haw Bluff,	J. D. Elwell, French's Creek,	O. M. Barnhill, Black River Chapel,	
Falling Creek,	C. J. Nelson, Goldsboro'	G. S. Peterson, Goldsboro,	2nd.
Mt. Olive,	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia,	J. D. Roberts, Mt. Olive,	4th.
Bear Marsh,	J. N. Stallings, Kenansville,	A. S. Davis, Mt Olive,	1st-3d
Warsaw,	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia,	H. Brown, Warsaw,	3rd.
Johnson's M. H.	G. S. Bert, Kenansville,	W. C. Carlton, Warsaw,	1st.
Kenansville,	J. N. Stallings, "	D. J. Middleton, "	2nd.
Beaverdam,	J. N. Stallings, "	G. W. Carroll, Kenansville,	4th.
Concord,	A. Guy, Warsaw,	L. R. Mathews, Magnolia,	2nd.
Berea,	O. M. Matthews, Harrell's Store,	G. F. Dempsey, Wallace,	2nd.
Island Creek,	A. Guy, Warsaw,	Owen Hanchy, "	1st.
Hallsville,	J. N. Stallings Kenansville,	D. B. Brown, Hallsville,	1st.
Corinth,	A. Guy, warsaw,	Ira J. Johnson, Magnolia,	4th.
Dobson's Chapel,	A. Guy, "	J. L. Carroll, Kenansville,	3rd.

Piny Grove, Jones,	G. S. Best, Kenansville,	J. H. Whitley. Pollocksville,	3rd.
Trenton,	G. S. Best, "	L. H. Mallard, Trenton,	
Newberne,	L. Thorne,	W. S. Ballinger, Newberne,	Twice every Sabbath.
Beaufort,	No Definite Pastor,	Thos. D. Noe, Beaufort,	
Smyrna,	T. J. Leary, Beaufort,	J. Davis, Beaufort,	1st.
Woodville,	T. J. Leary, Beaufort,	D. F. Arthur, "	4th.
Davis Shore,	T. J. Leary, "	J. F. Willis, "	3rd.
Young Bethel,	T. J. Leary, "	W L. Smith, "	2nd.
Kinston,	A. D. Cohen, Newbern,	P. Hardee, Kinston.	3rd.
Union,	G. W. Sanderlin, Goldsboro,	W. E. Sutton, "	2nd.
Woodenton,	J. J. Rhodes, Kinston,	W. Grady, "	4th.
Union, Chapel,	G. S. Best, Kenansville,	M. D. Thomas, Catherine Lake.	4th.
Fort Barnwell,	A. D. Cohen, Newbern,	J. W. Biddle, Newberne,	

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	When Cons'd.	COUNTIES.	Additions.			Diminu'n.			Males.	Females.	Total.	REMARKS.
			By Bap'm	By Letter.	Restored.	By Letter.	Excluded.	Deaths.				
Wilmington,		New Hanover.	22	24	3	18	22	1	54	125	179	Worshiping in new house. Ch. revived.
Mt. Holly,	1833	" "	3	4		3	4	2	36	74	146	
Moore's Creek,		" "	17	1		4		4	56	92	148	Some disorder and coldness.
Bethlehem,	1837	" "	1			2		3	23	66	89	Mourns spiritual declension.
Marshall's M. H.		" "	15	12		2		1	23	21	44	Revival. Many added.
Riley's Creek,		" "	6	4		2	2	2	37	57	94	Indications hopeful.
Shiloh,	1853	" "	27	4	4	70	1		48	88	136	Revival. Colored members dismissed.
Well's Chapel,				1		6	1	1	63	96	159	Extends hearty welcome to Association.
Bethel,	1843	Sampson.	2			1	3	1	16	53	69	No Pastor. Church revived.
Lisbon,		"	1					1	28	40	68	
Mt. Gilead,		"		1			1	4	22	66	88	
New Hope,		"		4		7	1	2	43	82	125	Lukewarm.
Boykin's Chapel,	1846	"		1		4			48	68	138	At peace. Healthy.
Browns, M. H.	1828	"										
Beulah,	1814	"				1		2	16	34	50	Healthy.
Piny Grove,	1846	"		1		4	1	1	57	124	181	Has two Sunday Schools.
Rowan,	1759	"		2		10			23	55	78	Wants a Pastor.
Canaan,	1858	"										
Clinton,	1855	"	1	1					18	36	54	No Baptist Sunday School.
Ebenezer,	1867	"		6	1				24	25	49	Very good congregation.
Mt. Zion,	1845	Bladen.							7	19	26	
Haw Bluff,	1859	"	4	2	1				33	49	82	In very good condition.
Nat. Moore Creek,		"										
Falling Creek,		Wayne,				2	2	3	18	40	58	Reports coldness.
Mt. Olive,	1869	"	9	5	1				24	41	65	Revival. Preaching every Sabbath.

Bear Marsh,	1835	Duplin.	1			4	3	1	58	120	175	Co'dness prevails con. smaller than usual.
Warsaw,	1855	"				4	4		34	92	126	Reports coldness.
Johnson's,		"		5		15	3	2	89	155	244	Congregations large, Healthy condition.
Kenansville,		"		3		2	1	3	21	36	57	Reports coldness.
Beaverdam,		"	2	2		1	9	1	60	127	187	Reports Lukewarmess.
Concord,		"		2		4	1		29	80	109	Cold and careless.
Berea,	1844	"						2	27	54	84	Coldness prevails.
Island Creek,	1803	"				1	31	3	33	73	107	Congregations attentive.
Hallsville,	1807	"		1		1	1	5	36	83	119	
Corinth,	1850	"	1				1	1	20	38	58	Good congregation.
Prospect,		"										
Chinquepin,	1860	"										
Dobson's Chapel,	1867	"		1			4	1	15	35	50	Reports coldness.
Piny Grove,	1841	Jones.	3						10	18	28	Healthy.
Tuckahoe,	1865	"										
Trenton,	1870	"							9	8	17	New Church.
New Berne,		Craven.	3	3	1	7		3	14	71	85	Mourns over enfeebled condition.
Brice's Creek,	1854	"										At peace and indications of good.
Fort Barnwell,		"	2								24	Need aid—promising.
Beaufort,		Carteret.	2	1			3				40	
Smyrna,		"									19	Revived.
Woodville,		"	5						9	15	24	
Davis Shore,	1867	"	1				4	2	37	50	87	Precious revival,
Young Bethel,	1867	"	12		2				20	26	46	Reports coldness.
Kinston,		Lenoir.	8	1		2			11	15	26	New organization. Gracious revival.
Union,		"	10	1					5	15	15	At peace.
Woodenton,	1858	"			2	2	2		10	15	25	
Union Chapel,		Onslow.				2	4		18	65	80	
Jacksonville,		"										
Pleasant Hill,		"										
			155	93	15	181	109	52	1279	2542	3938	

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE. 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the Eastern Association.

ART. 2. The objects of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ART. 3. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates.

ART. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter, certifying their appointment and communicating information relative to the state of the church.

ART. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen from among its members by ballot, by a majority of the members voting, and continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, apoint Committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in a case of tie.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, and superintend their printing and distribution among the churches.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body and disburse the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

ART. 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee consisting of not less than five or more than seven members; which Committee shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and Colportage. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and during intervals between the meetings of this body, to receive and disburse funds for those objects, and to take such steps for their advancement as they shall deem advisable, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings.

ART. 10. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of her churches which neglect to preserve gospel order.

ART. 11. The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privcliges of the body except that of voting.

ART. 12. The annual session of this Association shall commence on Tuesday after the first Lord's day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

ART. 13. By appointment of the Association, there shall be an Introductory Sermon, of a denominational character, and a Missionary Sermon.

ART. 14. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF DECORUM FOR THE CHURCHES.

1. We will hold at least four Conference meetings during the year for the trausaction of business; also special meetings whenever requisite.

2. The names of the members shal be called at every regular meeting, and there shall be due notice taken of the absence of those who discover a disposition to absent themselves.

3. At Every Conference, the pastor, in his right of office, shall preside as Moderator; and in case of his absence, the Conference shall apoint a Moderator *pro tem*, who shall open Conference by devotional exercises.

4. The Clerk shall keep a Church book, in which all the proceedings of the Conference shall be faithfully transcribed, and at every regular meeting the minutes of the proceeding meeting shall be read immediately after the names are called.

5. An invitation shall be given to the brethren of our faith and order to sit with us in Conference, who shall enjoy all the privliges of the meeting except that of voting.

6. Every subject for the consideration of the Conference shall be introduced by a motion, which, when seconded, shall be debated and acted upon, unless withdrawn by the mover.

7. Every speaker shall rise and address the Moderator by the appellation of brother, and shall confine his remarks to the subject under debate, and shall not be allowed to speak more than twice on one subject, except by permission of the Church.

8. No member shall withdraw from the Conference without the permission of the Moderator.

9. It shall be requred that in matters of difference between members, before complaint is made to the church, the aggrieved party shall have duly attended to the instructions of our Lord, Matt. 18th, chapter: 16th, 17th, 18th, verses, and public offences or such as opperate against the peace of the church, shall be the subject of discipline.

10, All questions submitted to the Conference shall be decided by a majority of votes, except receiving members to fellowship: and any question may be reconsidered upon the motion of any who voted in the affirmative.

11. The Moderator shall propound all questions for vote—shall keep the speakers to the subject under debate—may express his own views, after others are done speaking, and see that these rules are faithfully observed.

12. These Rules of Decorum may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the whole church.

Resolved, That this Association recommend the adoption of the foregoing rules to all the churches that comprise this body.

R J. J. Alderman

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DR. V. N. SEAWELL, TREAURER, Wallace.

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A. W. Carlton,
J. D. Carroll,
J. L. Stewart,
Lewis Carroll,
J. N. Stallings,
Joel Lofton,
J. L. Carlton,
J. W. Lane,
L. A. Powell.

PROCEEDINGS.

NEW HOPE, SAMPSON, CO., N. C.
October 3rd, 1871.

The Eastern Association met according to adjournment. The appointee and alternate being absent, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. C. Hiden, from 1st Timothy, iii: 15.—"The Church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."

After an intermission of half an hour, the Association was called to order by the Moderator, Elder H. McAlpin, who read Psalms, xxiii. Prayer by Elder C. C. Newton.

The list of Churches called, a majority being represented, proceeded to read the letters. Elders J. C. Hiden, and B. G. Covington, appointed reading Clerks: Amos Royal, Lewis Highsmith, and Jas. M. Mosely, appointed Committee of Finance.

The following delegates were enrolled:

1. *Wilmington*—J. C. Hiden, B. A. Hallett, J. M. French.
2. *Mt. Holly*—Laban Carroll, Isaiah Carroll.
3. *Moore's Creek*—W. R. Brinson, G. W. Woodcook, John Moore.
4. *Bethlehem*—Francis W. Prigen.
5. *Marshall's M. H.*—C. V. Prigen, Wm. J. Flinn.
6. *Riley's Creek*—Joel Hines, W. H. Thompson.
7. *Shiloh*—G. A. Herring, H. S. Averett.
8. *Wells' Chapel*—L. Highsmith, G. W. Page, L. R. Highsmith.
9. *Bethel*—Wm. Fryer, O. M. Matthews, M. H. Oates.
10. *Lisbon*—C. G. Robinson, R. Herring, J. Croom.
11. *Mt. Gilead*—Stephen Peterson, A. C. Peterson, J. J. Vann.
12. *New Hope*—Jones Riverbark, C. H. Smith, J. Wilson.
13. *Boykin's Chapel*—J. L. Boykin, H. McAlpin, O. Blackburn.
14. *Brown's M. H.*
15. *Beulah*—J. P. Faison, N. C. Faison, L. R. Millard.

16. *Piney Grove, (Sampson,)*—A. Royal, R. R. Bell, J. W. Giddens.
17. *Rowan*—T. O. Kelly, W. N. Chesnutt, J. W. Bell.
18. *Canaan.*
19. *Clinton*—J. M. Mosely, J. L. Stewart, B. S. Peterson.
20. *Ebenezer*—Kedar Vann, W. R. Highsmith.
21. *Mt. Zion*—S. B. Andrews, C. Melvin, C. C. Newton.
22. *Haw Bluff*—H. G. Barnhill.
23. *Nat. Moore.*
24. *Falling Creek*—G. F. Parker, W. H. Hood.
25. *Mt. Olive*—J. T. Lofton, John T. Albritton, J. D. Roberts.
26. *Bear Marsh*—D. A. Thompson, A. S. Davis, J. O. Lofton.
27. *Warsaw*—Wm. Boyett, B. C. Bowden, I. Royal.
28. *Johnson*—G. S. Best. W. M. Kennedy, J. L. Carlton.
29. *Kenansville*—J. N. Stallings, D. J. Middleton, F. M. Southerland.
30. *Beaverdam*—J. D. Carroll, J. W. Swinson, L. R. Carroll.
31. *Concord*—Jacob Taylor, Wm. Brice, W. M. Drew.
32. *Berea*—J. D. Southerland, D. H. Murray.
33. *Island Creek*—H. T. Savage, E. W. Teachy.
34. *Hallsville*—J. T. Carroll, C. Williams.
35. *Corinth*—J. K. Williams, J. Boone, I. J. Johnson.
36. *Prospect.*
37. *Chinquepin*—Henry Wilkins.
38. *Dobson's Chapel*—J. P. Tucker, O. Bostick.
39. *Piny Grove, (Jones,)*—Letter.
40. *Tuckahoe.*
41. *Trenton.*
42. *Newbern.*
43. *Brice's Creek.*
44. *Fort Barnwell*—S. S. Biddle, A. D. Cohen.
45. *Beaufort*—A. D. Cohen.
46. *Smyrna*—Letter.
47. *Woodwille*—Letter.
48. *Davis Shore*—Letter.
49. *Young Bethel*—Henry Harrell.
50. *Kinston*—S. E. Lofton.
51. *Union*—Wm. E. Sutton, J. L. Lee.
52. *Woodenton*—Letter.
53. *Union Chapel*—Letter.
54. *Jacksonville*—Thos. J. Jerman.
55. *Pleasant Hill*—Letter.
56. *Wilmington, 2nd B. Church*—W. H. Gregory, J. E. King, B. R. King.
57. *Long Creek*—J. F. Croom, J. H. Brinson.
58. *Myrtle Grove*—Joel R. Mintz.

The letters from Shiloh and Union, petitioning for next Session of Association, laid on the table. Letters from Chinquepin and Woodenton, asking for aid, referred to Executive Committee.

Proceeded to election of officers. The Moderator appointed

the following brethren, tellers to superintend the election: Moderator, J. D. Carroll, N. C. Faison; Clerk, H. S. Averett, B. C. Bowden; Treasurer, C. H. Smith, Kedar Vann.

Result: Elder H. McAlpin re-elected Moderator; Isham Royal re-elected Clerk; Dr. V. N. Seawell re-elected Treasurer.

On motion of Elder W. M. Kennedy, adjourned to meet tomorrow morning, 10 o'clock.

Prayer by Bro. Bland; Benediction by Moderator.

New Hope, Wednesday, Oct. 4th, 1871.

Association met according to adjourment. The Moderator read Acts iv. Sung hymn 987.

Prayer by Elder G. S. Best.

On motion of I. Royal, Committee on Religious Exercises appointed, consisting of Elder A. Guy, and brethren Lewis Carroll, Laban Carroll, A. J. Daniel and C. H. Smith.

Roll called; Minutes of yesterday read; Committee on Religious Exercises reported that Elder Stallings will preach this morning, and at the request of Elder Kennedy, Dr. T. H. Pritchard will preach the Missionary Sermon at 11 1-2 o'clock in his stead. Elder Stewart moved to recognize Elder A. D. Cohen as a Delegate from Beaufort.

Whitney Royal, appearing from Brown's M. H., but not having been regularly appointed as a Delegate, he was received as a visitor, and entitled to all the privileges of the Association, except voting.

Petitionary letters called for. The Second Baptist Church at Wilmington, and the Churches at Long Creek and Myrtle Grove —newly constituted Churches—petitioned for admittance. They were received, and the right hand of fellowship extended to the Delegates.

The following Committees were appointed:

To Nominate Trustees of Warsaw High School—B. Matthews, H. S. Averett, D. J. Middleton.

To Nominate Executive Committee—W. M. Kennedy, J. L. Boykin, J. N. Stallings.

Spiritual Condition of the Churches—W. M. Kennedy, I. Royal, G. S. Best.

Sabbath Schools—J. N. Stallings, J. W. Lane, C. C. Newton—to report next session.

Religious Publications—Dr. Thos. H. Pritchard, B. G. Covington, J. P. Faison.

Ministerial Support—Joel Hines, Wm. Bland, Oliver Blackburn.

Obituaries—J. L. Stewart, B. Oliver, W. E. Sutton.

Foreign Missions—J. C. Hiden, G. W. Hufham, J. E. King—to report next session.

Auditing Committee—J. K. Smith, A. M. Faison.

To Nominate Delegates to the Baptist State Convention—S. S. Biddle, D. A. Thomson.

Prayer Meetings—G. Clute, J. T. Albritton, J. L. Stewart.

To Nominate Ministers to preach stated Sermons next Session—S. S. Biddle, Henry Harrell, J. D. Roberts.

Systematic Benevolence—J. E. King, D. Carroll, J. J. Vann—to report next session.

Temperance—Amos Royal, R. R. Bell, J. M. Mosely—to report next session.

Invitation extended to visitors. Dr. T. H. Pritchard, Chairman of State Mission Board, and corresponding Messenger from the Central Association, was welcomed to a seat; also, Elder J. W. Gore, from Cape Fear Association, and Elder B. G. Covington, from Pee Dee Association; Giles Clute, General Superintendent of Sabbath Schools, of the Union Meeting of this Association—all were cordially welcomed.

Moved, That any member of this Association, who may be present at the session of any of the bodies with which we correspond, be authorized to act as Delegates to said body.

The letter from Lisbon handed in and read.

Adjourned at 11 1-2 o'clock to hear Missionary Sermon, by Dr. T. H. Pritchard. Hymn, "There is a fountain filled with blood." Dr. Pritchard reads Psalm 103. Prayer, Elder Kennedy leading; Hymn, "Jesus I my cross have taken." Text, Mark xii; 41-44: "And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury," &c. At the close of the Sermon a collection was made amounting to $55 65.

INTERMISSION.

Re-assembled. Dr. T. H. Pritchard read the report on Education. Remarks by Dr. Pritchard and Elder J. C. Hiden.—Adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Next to the Christian Religion, a good, sound, liberal Education, is the greatest blessing we can desire for our children. It will greatly elevate them in the scale of being, enhance their usefulness and multiply their sources of enjoyment. Those parents

therefore act wisely, who make sacrifices, in order that they may provide their offspring with the advantages of an education.

The Baptists are a peculiar people; their distinguishing characteristics place them in antagonism with all other Christian denominations, and they cannot therefore allow other Churches to educate their children.

We must lean on our own schools, if we wish our children to respect and embrace those doctrines which we hold dear.

Your committee are gratified to be able to state, that in Wake Forest College, the Chowan Female Institute, and the Raleigh Female Seminary, we have institutions of learning equal to any in the State, and worthy of the patronage of our entire people. Wake Forest College has proven a great blessing to our Churches —some sixty or seventy of our ministers having been educated there—and there are now twelve young men in College, prosecuting their studies with a view to the Ministry. Many of those are poor, but worthy young men, and we earnestly commend them to the Churches, and ask, in their behalf, contributions for their support, and prayers for their spiritual prosperity and usefulness.

J. C. HIDEN,
J. L. STEWART,
J. T. ALBRITTON,
} Com.

On motion, the advertisement of Wake Forest College, and that of Warsaw High School, to be printed on cover of Minutes.

The Committee to nominate Executive Committee reported the following as the Executive Committee: B. Oliver, D. J. Middleton, L. Highsmith, Kedar Vann, J. W. Lane, Col. S. S. Biddle, W. E. Sutton.

Adopted.

Report of Executive Committee read by Elder J. N. Stallings. Remarks by Elder Stallings, Bro. W. H. Gregory, Dr. T. H. Pritchard, Bro. B. Oliver, Elder A. D. Cohen, Elder J. E. King, Bro. S. S. Biddle.

On motion, the report was made the special order to-morrow 10 o'clock.

Committee on Missions reported. Adopted.

Your Committee on Missions beg leave to submit the following:

When we consider the plain and imperative teachings of the Word of God, inculcating the duty to preach the Gospel to EVERY *creature*, the neglect and apathy of our Churches upon this important matter are surprising. The spirit of missions and the spirit of the gospel are, we think, identical; how is it then, that so many of our brethren seem not to feel the obligations to give for the spread of the gospel? How is it that our Churches are doing so little, almost nothing, for the work, either here in the State at

large, or for the world? For what has been done in our Home field, we refer you to the report of your Executive Committee, from which you will see that the means used have been vastly disproportionate to the ability of the churches and the wants of the field, while we have done scarcely anything for the State work of our own convention, and almost nothing at all for the great work, the evangelization of the world. Is it possible that the great mass of our brethren are missionary only in name? When we look around and see such vast destitution in our own bounds, in our State, in the country at large, and the millions of heathen perishing without a knowledge of the gospel, can we, who have felt the love of Christ, stand idly by, with no heart to pity, and no hand to help? God forbid. Let every minister and every brother who recognizes the obligation, press this subject upon all, and continue to agitate it until each and all shall come up "to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty."

Respectfully,

W. M. KENNEDY, *Chairman.*

Committee on propriety of dividing the Association reported. Remarks by Elder J. P. Faison, and Elder J. C. Hiden.—Adopted.

Your Committee to whom was referred, at the last session, the consideration of the propriety of dividing the Association into two parts, beg leave to report, That, after mature reflection we do not consider it expedient, for the reason that it cannot be affected so as to conduce to the convenience of the churches in attending the sessions of the Association, without putting all, or the greater part of the strong churches on one side of the line, and the weak ones on the other, even if it were desired by the churches, of which your committee have no evidence.

Respectfully,

B. OLIVER, *Chairman.*

On motion, adjourned to 9 1-2 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Prayer by Elder B. G. Covington.

Benediction by Moderator.

NEW HOPE, Thursday, Oct. 5th, 1871.

Association called to order by Moderator, who read Psalm XLIV. Prayer by Elder Stallings.

Roll called. Minutes of yesterday read.

10 o'clock. The special order being the consideration of the report of the Executive Committee, the report was taken up, and remarks were made by Elders J. N. Stallings, J. P. Faison, G. W. Hufham, W. M. Kennedy, J. C. Hiden, brethren S. S. Biddle, H. Harrell, Elders A. D. Cohen, J. T. Albritton, Dr. T. H. Pritchard, and Elder O. M. Matthews.

On motion, the list of churches called, and the following churches pledged the amount opposite their names to aid in the prosecution of Missions within the bounds of the Association:

Wilmington,	$50	Marshall's,	$5	Riley's Creek,	$10
Bethlehem,	15	Bethel,	10	Lisbon,	15
Wells' Chapel,	20	New Hope,	15	Boykin's Chapel,	20
Mt. Gilead,	20	Piney Grove,	20	Rowan,	6
Clinton,	10	Ebenezer,	12	Mt. Zion,	10
Haw Bluff,	10	Mt. Olive,	25	Bear Marsh,	30
Warsaw,	5	Johnson's,	25	Kenansville,	30
Beaverdam,	20	Concord,	5	Island Creek,	6
Hallsville,	15	Corinth,	15	Chinquepin,	3
Fort Barnwell,	5	Beaufort,	5	Kinston,	5
Union,	10	2nd Wilmington,	20	Long Creek,	5
Mt. Holly,	10	Moore's Creek,	$18.75		

INDIVIDUAL PLEDGES.

* Shade E. Loftin,	$10	Miss Sue Colwell,	$1
Mrs. S. P. Taylor,	10	" Dollie Ashford,	1
Dr. F. Duffy,	5	" Emma Thomson,	1
Jessee Jackson,	4	" Nannie Murrell,	1
G. A. Herring,	5	" C. Murrell,	1
Mrs. Joel Hines, pd.	2	" R. J. Carroll,	1
" Julia Frazel,	2	" Mary Carroll,	1
" L. R. Carroll,	1	" Alice Cox,	1
" E. Newton,	1	" Ann Mills,	1
" M. Kennedy,	1	" Lucy B. Kennedy,	1
" R. C. Royal,	1	" B. Alderman,	1
" H. Colwell,	1	Cash,	2.05
" M. Roberts,	1	Mrs. Wilson,	50
" Wm. Murphy, pd.	1	" E. Carroll,	50
" L. A. Merriman, pd.	1	" M. E. Croom,	50
Miss Nannie Herring,	1	" M. J. Pollock,	25
" Mary Clute,	1	" J. Hollingsworth,	25
" J. Highsmith,	1	" S. E. Giddens, pd.	25
Mrs. Virginia Thomson, pd.	1	" T. J. Southerland, pd.	50
* $5 pd.		Miss E. Matthews,	50

Elder O. M. Matthews stated that he would be one of ten persons to pledge $10 each, when the following pledges were made:

O. M. Matthews,	$10	J. D. Carroll,	$ 5
Jas. K. Williams,	10	B. S. Peterson,	5
J. E. King,	10	John W. Giddens, pd.	5
J. L. Stewart,	10	J. K. Smith,	5
B. Oliver,	10	C. H. Smith,	5
J. C. Hiden,	10	J. C. Hines, pd.	5
J. N. Stallings,	10	Joseph Wilson,	5
J. P. Faison,	10	Wm. Bland,	5
G. S. Best,	10	L. R. Highsmith,	5
C. C. Newton,	10	L. R. Millard, pd.	2
S. B. Andrews,	10	H. G. Barnhill, pd,	2
B. A. Hallett, pd.	5	M. H. Oates, pd.	1
Mrs. Martha A. King,	5	J. F. Croom, pd.	1
W. H. Gregory,	5	T. O. Kelly,	2
F. W. Prigen,	5	J. W. Taylor,	5
Mrs. S. B. Andrews, (pd. $2)	4	W. H. Faison,	1
W. H. Thomson,	2	J. W. Smith,	1
Jas. D. Roberts,	5	Isa. Carroll,	1
J. W. Swinson,	5	J. T. Carroll,	5

Public collection $3 40.

The report of the Executive Committee was adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee submit the following:

We have aided the church at Warsaw, which was in a very feeble condition and unable to do much for a pastor, in a small way, and thus enabled this important point to have regular preaching, and with deep feelings of gratitude to our Divine Master, we are able to report that He has abundantly blessed the means used; Elder Kennedy having baptised there 36, and thus made the church self-sustaining.

We have also aided Dobson's Chapel Church with a small appropriation, and though there has been no ingathering, yet the prospect for great good is very encouraging, Elder Guy, the pastor, reporting large and attentive congregations.

We have had Elder G. S. Best in our employment regularly, during the entire year, for three-fourths of his time. His time has been spent in Onslow and Jones Counties, attending Union Chapel and Brock's School House, in the former; and Tuckahoe, Trenton, and Piny Grove Churches, and Nethercutt's School House, in the latter. He has also preached at Prospect, in Duplin County.

Bro. Best reports encouragement in his field of labor. There has been no great ingathering, but steady progress. He reports the baptism of five, collected $160 for Associational Missions, $20 for Foreign Missions. He obtained 30 subscribers for the Recorder, and preached about one hundred sermons. The points attended by Bro. Best are too many for him to cultivate very efficiently, he being able to give them Sunday preaching only by turns, while there are numerous other points which ought to be occupied.

We have also had three-fourths of Elder B. G. Covington's time since February. He has preached at Jacksonville, Swansboro, Wardsville, Bay Meeting House, Yop's, North East, and Pleasant Hill, in Onslow county, besides visiting other points. He has also spent a part of his time at Chinquepin, in Duplin County. Bro. Covington has met with abundant encouragement and success. He has gathered the brethren together at Jacksonville, and resuscitated the church, and baptized a goodly number at that point. He has baptized 4 at Pleasant Hill, and reports the whole county as ripe for the gospel, and ready to receive our peculiar tenets. What has been said with reference to Bro. Best's field, is applicable to his—it is too large for one man to cultivate very efficiently. Bro. Covington has worked hard, and has accomplished a great deal. He has baptized 14 in these destitute points, in which he has labored. He has traveled about 1400 miles, preached about 70 sermons, besides a great deal of other work, pertaining to his field. Your Committee have done the best they could with the means at their disposal, and their hearts are cheered by the blessings of God upon the work. But when they glance over our bounds and see the vast destitution that prevails, they feel called upon to appeal to you for greater consecration and liberality in this behalf.

Your committee cannot close their report without referring to the death of one of their number, Bro. H. E. Carr, one of our most devoted and useful members. We have deeply felt the loss, but we are consoled by the hope that he has passed to his reward.

Respectfully submitted,

B. OLIVER, Chairman.

Committee of Finance reported.

Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF FINANCE.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	Itinerant Fund.	Foreign Missions.	Yates' Chapel.	Ext'n. of Shanghai Mission.
Wilmington,	$ 5 09	$ 50 00			
Mt. Holly,	3 00	3 20			
Moore's Creek,	4 00	7 25	$ 2 65		
Bethlehem,	2 50	10 00			
Marshall's M. H.	2 00	1 50	1 50		
Riley's Creek.	3 00	5 45			
Shiloh,	2 00	3 43	5 85		
Well's Chapel,	4 00	11 00		7 10	
Bethel,	2 75	3 50	4 00		
Lisbon,	2 00	20 00			
Mt. Gilead,	3 00	3 50			
New Hope,	3 00	4 60			
Boykin's Chapel,	3 00				
Beulah,	1 00	4 00			
Piny Grove, (Sampson,)	2 00				
Rowan,	1 50	6 00			
Clinton,	3 00				
Ebenezer,	1 00	3 00			
Mt. Zion,	1 50	10 35	2 00		
Haw Bluff,	2 00	10 00			
Falling Creek,	1 00	1 00			
Mt. Olive,	2 50		3 85		
Bear Marsh,	4 00				
Warsaw,	3 00	2 60			
Johnson's	3 00	10 00			
Kenansville,	3 05				
Beaverdam,	4 25	8 50			
Concord,	2 00	90			
Berea,	1 90				
Island Creek,	2 00	5 00			
Hallsville,	2 50				3 00
Corinth,	2 10				
Chinquepin,	50	1 25			
Dobson's Chapel,	50	1 00			
Piny Grove, (Jones,)	2 00				
Fort Barnwell,	2 00	3 85			
Smyrna,	1 00				
Woodville,	1 00				
Davis' Shore,	1 50				
Young Bethel,	1 00				
Kinston,	2 00	3 00			
Union,	2 00				
Woodenton,	1 00				
Union Chapel,	65	5 00			
Jacksonville,	1 50				
2nd B. Church, Wilmington,	2 00	5 00			
Long Creek,	2 00	3 21			
Myrtle Grove Sound,	1 25				
Beaufort,	75				
Cash,		61			
	$105 20	$207 70	$19 85	$7 10	$ 3 00

Collection at Stand, $55 65 Total coming into our hands, $398 50

Respectfully submitted,

AMOS ROYAL,
L. HIGHSMITH,
J. M. MOSELY,
} Committee.

On motion of Elder J. C. Hiden, Committee of Finance, Clerk of Association and Treasurer of Executive Committee, directed to confer with each other, ascertain if any of the pledges made for missions have not been redeemed, and report to Association.

Treasurer of Association reported. Adopted.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

V. N. Seawell, Treasurer, Dr.

To Eastern Association,

To amount received from Association,	$107 97
Cr.	
By amount paid Clerk for Minutes,	98 92
" " " J. B. Taylor, Foreign Missions,	9 05
	$107 97

Amount received by Clerk and in his hands,

Fort Barnwell, for Minutes,	$4 00
Tuckahoe,	2 25
Balance,	$6 25

Received without vouchers, but supposed to be correct.

A. M. Faison, J. K. Smith, } Aud. Com.

The Committee of Finance ordered to pay over to Treasurer of Association all funds received by them. The Treasurer being absent, Isham Royal was appointed Treasurer, pro tem.

Committee on Temperance reported. Adopted.

TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee beg leave to report the following :

We are sorry to say that many church members engage in the sale of intoxicating liquors, and others use it as a beverage, even to intoxication. We desire that our churches take a decided stand on this subject, and exercise proper discipline, in all cases in which the use of intoxicating liquors brings reproach upon the churches, or compromises the standard of christianity.

Many young men have made professions of religion during the year, and one of the strongest temptations that beset them is the "intoxicating bowl." The churches should use all their moral influence in discountenancing the manufacture, sale, and use of intoxicating liquors, and to teach the younger members to refrain from the use of the same, and avoid all temptations that lead to intoxication.

We recommend the following :

Resolved, That this Association does not think that it comports with the character of christians, to engage in the sale or manufacture of intoxicating liquors, or to use the same as a beverage, but that it lowers the standard of christianity to do so, and prevents many from engaging in every good word and work.

Respectfully,

J. T. Albritton, Isham Royal, G. Clute, } Committee.

Committee on Spiritual Condition of the Churches reported. Adopted.

SPIRITUAL CONDITION OF THE CHURCHES.

Your Committee beg leave to report the following :

Twenty-eight churches report 413 baptisms, twenty-four report 109 accessions by letter, seventeen report 51 restored. Total accessions, 593. Diminutions reported—are, 175 dismissed by letter, 89 excluded, 57 died. Deducting diminutions from additions, makes an increase in numbers of 252.—Some of the churches reporting baptisms, report coldness. About 20 churches report their spiritual condition as healthy, some report no pastor, some say nothing about their condition. Our statistics, as compared with last year, show a gain of about 286 members.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

Committee to nominate Trustees of Warsaw High School reported.

Adopted. (See page 2.)

Dr. Pritchard read the Report on Periodicals.

Adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The Biblical Recorder is the organ of the Baptist churches of North Carolina ; it is an able journal, sound in doctrines, independent in spirit, and distinguished for its enterprise. It has been in existence nearly forty years, and while it has ever been one of the most efficient agents for the promotion of the intelligence and piety of the churches, and the earnest and faithful advocate of all our enterprises of benevolence, it has never been duly appreciated and patronized.

It has more subscribers at present, than at any previous period of its history, but its merits entitle it to a patronage two or three times as large as it receives. It would be greatly to the interest of the churches, if its subscription list could be made to reach ten thousand, and we commend to the pastors and brethren generally, the duty of laboring diligently for the extension of its circulation. The Home and Foreign Journal is the organ of the Southern Baptist Convention, and is edited by Drs. James B. Taylor, and M. T. Sumner, the Secretaries of the Domestic and Foreign Mission Boards. This paper is published at Richmond, Va., monthly, and at 50 cents per single copy, but may be obtained in clubs at greatly reduced rates.

Kind Words, the Sunday School paper of Southern Baptists, is now a monthly, and also a semi-monthly and weekly sheet, and is edited with distinguished ability by Rev. S. Boykin, the former editor of the Child's Delight. This paper is rapidly winning favor, and ought to be generally taken by the Sunday Schools of our Association.

Respectfully,

T. H. PRITCHARD,
B. G. COVINGTON, } Committee.
J. P. FAISON.

The Committee on Prayer Meetings reported. Report adopted. Remarks by Elders A. D. Cohen, J. T. Albritton, J. C. Hiden, and brethren H. S. Averett, and G. Clute.

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETINGS.

Our Saviour taught us, by precept and example, to pray. Every lover of Jesus delights in prayer. 42 churches have no prayer meetings, 9 churches have prayer meetings. We would recommend to all the churches in this Association, that they meet together once a week for prayer.

COMMITTEE.

Committee on Ministerial Support reported. Remarks by Dr. T. H. Pritchard, Elders J. C. Hiden, and W. M. Kennedy. During the consideration of the report, the following churches pledged to send boxes of provisions or clothing to our beneficiaries at Wake Forest: Wilmington, Johnson's, Bear Marsh, Riley's Creek, Piny Grove, Hallsville, Beaverdam, Kenansville, Beulah, Bethel, Corinth, Mt. Olive, Mt. Gilead, Moore's Creek, Warsaw, Rowan, Long Creek, New Hope; also, J. L. Boykin, and J. P. Faison.

Report adopted.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

Brethren: Your committee, to consider the subject of Ministerial Support, beg leave to submit, That, it is their opinion, that two-fifths only of our churches, if that number, are sustaining their pastors handsomely; the same number very insufficiently; the remainder are doing comparatively nothing in this respect; while it is to be deeply regretted that many of our churches are doing so little for the education of ministers pursuing a course of study at Wake Forest College, and at Greenville, S. C.

In view of these latter opinions, or facts, we should earnestly recommend to all our churches, that they adopt and *execute* a systematic plan of beneficence, identical with, or founded upon, the xvi chap., 2nd verse of 1st Corinthians; it is this, "upon the first day of the week, let every one of you lay by him in store as God has prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come."

Respectfully submitted,

JOEL HINES,
WM. BLAND,
OLIVER BLACKBURN, } Committee.

On motion of Elder G. W. Hufham:

Resolved, That the Association recommend the churches to aid our young ministers now at Wake Forest College, by furnishing a box of provisions, or bedding, and wearing apparel, to enable them to prosecute their studies, preparatory to the work of the ministry, and that a collection be taken up to meet their immediate wants.

One o'clock, adjourned for half an hour.

Re-assembled. Letters from Shiloh and Union taken up.—Agreed to hold the next session of this Association with the Church at Union, Lenoir County.

The committee on obituaries not being ready, directed to report to clerk.

OBITUARIES.

The Committee on this subject report our renewed obligation to our Heavenly Father for the preservation of the lives of all our ministers during another Associational year.

However, it becomes their painful duty to report the loss of some of our most esteemed brethren since our last session, in the death of Hinton E. Carr, of the church at Clinton, C. B. Corbett, of Well's Chapel, Samuel Andrews, of the Mt. Zion Church, and John Dobson, of Kenansville.

Bro. Carr was the son of Everett Carr. He was born in the county of Sampson, the 4th day of July, A. D. 1823, professed the Christian religion, and

joined the Presbyterian church in the twenty-first year of his age. His mind afterward became dissatisfied with the doctrine of baptism, as to the mode and subject as held by that church, and this dissatisfaction resulted in his union with the Baptists in September 1854. He was baptized by Elder H. McAlpin, and became a member of Piny Grove Church in Sampson county.

He was very soon ordained as a Deacon, in which capacity he served the various churches of which he was a member until his death. He was also selected as a member of the Executive Committee by the Association, within a short time after his connection with the Baptists. As a member of the Committee, he was exceedingly prompt and faithful in the discharge of its duties, as he was also in all his church relations.

He attended every session of the Association from his baptism to his death, and nearly all, if not all, the meetings of the Committee. He died at his home in Clinton, on the 20th of June, 1871, of consumption.

A man of prayer, of generous liberality, abounding in the graces of the spirit, candid and faithful in the performance of duty; few men among us are more useful to the church than was Bro. Carr. The Association has sustained a great loss in his death.

Bro. Andrews is said to have been an exceedingly devoted and godly man, and the most efficient and liberal member of his church. The Committee have not been able to collect the facts of his history.

We refer to the following extract from the letter from Well's Chapel, relative to the death of Bro. Corbett: "He was for many years a deacon in the old church at Lebanon. When that church dissolved, he went with the other members into fellowship with the church at Well's Chapel, where he served in his office up to his death, in August last. The deceased. Bro. C. B. Corbett, was, in many respects, a most examplary christian, ever strictly bridling his tongue, was gentle and amiable in manner, and the worst that the writer ever knew of him, is that he lived and died without an enemy."

The Committee are not in possession of any facts relative to the life and death of Bro. John Dobson. The Church at Ebenezer also mourns the death of Bro. A. F. Lawhon.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

Committee to nominate ministers to preach stated sermons for another year, reported the following:

Introductory Sermon—Elder A. D. Cohen.

Alternate—Elder John T. Albritton.

Missionary Sermon—Elder B. G. Covington.

Alternate—Elder J. N. Stallings.

Repectfully submitted,

S. S. BIDDLE, Chairman.

Committee to nominate delegates to Baptist State Convention, reported the following:

Elders W. M. Kennedy, J. N. Stallings, H. McAlpin, G. S. Best, J. L. Stewart, J. R. Oliver, John T. Albritton, C. C. Newton, J. P. Faison, J. C. Hiden, A. D. Cohen, Levi Thorne, W. Bland, J. E. King; brethren B. Oliver, D. J. Middleton, A. M. Faison, S. S. Biddle, Isham Royal, B. F. Mitchell, J. W. Collins, Giles Clute, Wm. E. Sutton, Geo. R. French, J. J. Edwards.

Respectfully submitted,

S. S. BIDDLE, Chairman.

Resolved, That any member of this Association, who may attend the Baptist State Convention, be considered as a delegate.

I. Royal reported $6 25 of minute fund of last year not expended. On motion, the amount transferred to the minute fund of this year.

The clerk allowed $25 for his services, and ordered to have 1500 copies of the minutes printed, and distribute the same among the churches.

Treasurer of Executive Committee reported; re-committed and directed to report to clerk.

On motion of Elder J. C. Hiden, Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due, and hereby tendered to this church and community, for the very hospitable manner in which they have entertained the members of this body.

President and Board of Trustees of Warsaw High School, not being ready to report, they are directed to report to clerk.

Remarks by Elders Kennedy and Stewart.

A letter from H. R. Kornegay was laid before the Association. After some discussion, it was ordered to be read. Laid on the table.

On motion, adjourned to meet with the church at Union, Lenoir County, Tuesday after the 1st Lord's day in October, 1872.

Prayer, Elder Cohen leading.

Hymn. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

Benediction by Moderator.

HUGH McALPIN, Moderator.

ISHAM ROYAL, Clerk.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

D. J. Middleton, Treasurer of Executive Committee, Dr.

To cash, balance from last year,	$ 91 74
" Amount received Finance Committee 1870,	195 80
" " " Beaverdam,	6 75
" " " Piny Grove, (Jones,)	54 20
" " " Trenton,	23 00
" " " Tuckahoe,	10 25
" " " Brock's School House,	20 15
" " " Union Chapel,	46 40
" " " J. M. Wooten,	5 00
" " " Mt. Holly,	6 83
" " " Clinton,	5 00
" " " New Hope,	2 85
" " " Warsaw,	1 65
" " " H. McAlpin,	1 00
" " " Ebenezer,	7 00
" " " Jessee Jackson,	5 00
" " " Collection at Union,	8 15
" " " Wells' Chapel,	12 50
" " " Mt. Gilead,	2 45
" " " Boykin's Chapel,	18 45
" " " Mt. Olive,	20 01
" " " Bear Marsh,	37 15
" " " Bethel,	5 00
" " " J. J. Rhodes,	1 00
" " " Concord,	23 41
" " " Johnson's	10 00
" " " Dobson's Chapel,	4 00
" " " Piny Grove, (Sampson,)	16 00
" " " Kenansville,	20 00
" " " S. B. Andrews,	3 00
Accepted by Elder Covington, from Marion Board,	26 00
Hallsville,	11 50
	$ 701 24
Amount overpaid,	152 92⅔
	$ 854 16⅔

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By amount paid Elder G. S. Best,	$ 483 33⅓
" " " " B. G. Covington,	302 50
" " " " W. M. Kennedy, (Warsaw,)	26 66⅔
" " " " A. Guy, (Dobson's Chapel,)	25 00
" " " " Thos. J. Leary,	16 66⅔
	$ 854 16⅔

Audited and found correct.

J. K. Smith,
A. M. Faison, } Aud. Com.

Table of Churches, Counties, Pastors, &c.

Churches.	Counties.	Pastors and Post Offices.	Clerks and Post Offices.
Wilmington,	New Hanover,	J. C. Hiden,	J. W. Collins, Wilmington.
Mt. Holly,	"	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia,	J. Carroll, South Washington.
Moore's Creek,	"	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store,	J. Moore, Pt. Caswell.
Bethlehem,	"	C. C. Newton, " "	B. F. Keith, Collins' Creek.
Marshall's M. H.,	"	D. J. Ray, Bogue Swamp,	J. H. Squires, Black Rock.
Riley's Creek,	"	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store,	S. S. Prather, Rocky Pt.
Shiloh,	"	J. P. Faison, " "	H. S. Averett, Moore's Creek.
Wells' Chapel,	"	H. McAlpin, Clinton,	G. W. Highsmith, Harrell's Store.
Bethel,	Sampson,	J. P. Faison, "	M. H. Oates, Taylor's Bridge.
Lisbon,	"	J. L. Stewart, "	R. Herring, Herringsville.
Mt. Gilead,	"	H. McAlpin, "	J. J. Vann, Clinton,
New Hope,	"	H. McAlpin, "	J. L. Carroll, Six Runs.
Boykin's Chapel,	"	J. L. Stewart, "	M. M. Killett, Clinton.
Beulah,	"	No pastor.	A. M. Faison, Warsaw.
Piny Grove,	"	J. L. Stewart, "	J. C. Hobbs, Clinton.
Rowan,	"	A. Guy, Warsaw,	T. O. Kelly, Clinton.
Clinton,	"	H. McAlpin, Clinton,	C. P. Johnson, "
Ebenezer,	"	J. L. Stewart, "	R. Highsmith, "
Mt. Zion,	Bladen,	C. C. Newton, Herringsville,	S. B. Anders, Black River Chapel.
Haw Bluff,	"	C. C. Newton, "	O. M. Barnhill.
Falling Creek,	Wayne,	No Pastor,	G. S. Peterson, Goldsboro.
Mt. Olive,	"	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia,	J. D. Roberts, Mt. Olive.
Bear Marsh,	Duplin,	J. N. Stallings, Kenansville,	A. S. Davis, Mt. Olive.
Warsaw,	"	W. M. Kennedy,	I. Royal, Warsaw.

Johnson's,	Duplin,	G. S. Best, Kenansville,	W. C. Carlton, Warsaw.
Kenansville,	"	J. N. Stallings, "	D. J. Middleton, "
Beaverdam,	"	J. N. Stallings, "	G. W. Carroll, Kenansville.
Concord,	"	No Pastor.	L. R. Matthews, Magnolia.
Berea,	"	No Pastor.	G. F. Dempsy, Wallace.
Island Creek,	"	A. Guy, Warsaw,	O. Hanchy, "
Hallsville,	"	B. G. Covington, Hallsville,	D. B. Brown, Hallsville.
Corinth,	"	A. Guy, Warsaw,	I. J. Johnson, Rockfish.
Chinquepin,	"	No Pastor.	J. D. Brown, Hallsville.
Dobson's Chapel,	"	A. Guy, Warsaw,	J. P. Tucker, Kenansville.
Piny Grove,	Jones,	G. S. Best, Kenansville,	J. H. Whitty, Pollocksville.
Tuckahoe,	"		
Trenton,	"		
Newbern,	Craven,		
Fort Barnwell,	"	A. D. Cohen, La Grange,	J. W. Biddle.
Beaufort,	Carteret,	A. D. Cohen, "	T. D. Noe, Beaufort.
Smyrna,	"	T. J. Leary, Beaufort,	J. F. Davis, Beaufort.
Woodville,	"	" " " "	D. Arthur, "
Davis' Shore,	"	T. J. Leary, "	R. Paul, Beaufort.
Young Bethel,	"	T. J. Leary, Beaufort,	W. I. Smith, Beaufort.
Kinston,	Lenoir,	A. D. Cohen, La Grange,	P. Hardee, Kinston.
Union,	"	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia,	W. E. Sutton, Kinston.
Woodenton,	"	E. A. Best, Kinston,	W. Grady, "
Union Chapel,	Onslow,	G. S. Best, Kenansville,	M. D. Thomas, Catharine Lake.
Jacksonville,	"	B. G. Covington,	L. A. Avera, Jacksonville.
Pleasant Hill,	"	No Pastor.	J. R. Marshall, Wilmington.
Wilmington, 2d B. Church,	New Hanover,	J. E. King, Wilmington,	H. E. Foster, "
Myrtle Grove,	"	H. E. Foster, (supply,)	L. M. Mintz, Wilmington.
Long Creek,	"	H. Brinson, Lillington,	J. H. Brinson, Lillington.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	When Constituted.	Additions. By Baptism.	Additions. By Letter.	Additions. Restored.	Diminutions. By Letter.	Diminutions. Excluded.	Diminutions. Deaths.	No. Members. Males.	No. Members. Females.	No. Members. Total.	MEETS.
Wilmington,	1808	24	17	12	13	3	6	65	145	210	Twice ev'y Sun.
Mt. Holly,	1833	5			1	2	2	37	73	147	First Sunday.
Moore's Creek,		13	2	1	46	4	1	37	67	104	First do
Bethlehem,	1832		5		1	2	1	23	67	90	Second do
Marshall's M. H.		18	3		4			31	32	63	Fourth do
Riley's Creek.		3	2	1	6	1		38	55	93	Second do
Shiloh,	1853	5		1	18	1	1	43	74	117	Third do
Well's Chapel,		16	2		10	1	5	56	102	158	First do
Bethel,	1843					1		16	52	68	Fourth do
Lisbon,					6		1	26	39	65	First do
Mt. Gilead,					2	2	2	18	64	82	Fourth do
New Hope,		8	2				1	45	86	131	Second do
Boykin's Chapel,	1846		4		9		1	48	91	139	Fourth do
Beulah,	1814				1		1	15	30	45	Fourth do
Piny Grove,	1846	15			1	2		67	128	195	Second do
Rowan,	1759	14	7	1	1	1		33	63	99	Second do
Clinton,	1855				3	1	3	16	35	41	Third do
Ebenezer,	1867		2		2	1	1	21	27	48	Third do
Mt. Zion,	1845	7	1				2	14	18	32	First do
Haw Bluff,	1859	6	2					35	48	83	Third do
Falling Creek,								18	40	58	Second do
Mt. Olive,	1869	1	4			1	2	24	42	66	Fourth do
Bear Marsh,	1763		1		1	8	1	47	118	165	1st & 3d do
Warsaw,	1855	36		3	11	3	2	50	100	150	Third do
Johnson's			4	1	10	7	1	73	148	221	First do
Kenansville,		3	2		3	1	3	22	38	60	Second do
Beaverdam,			2	3	4	9	1	50	100	150	Fourth do
Concord,	1825		2		2	1		20	54	74	
Berea,	1844						1	26	55	81	Second do
Island Creek,	1803	1		1	3	1	3	31	65	96	First do
Hallsville,	1807	6			3		3	37	82	119	Fourth do
Corinth,	1850	4	1	1	1			23	40	63	Fourth do
Chinquepin,	1860		2		1			7	37	44	Second do
Dobson's Chapel,	1867							17	34	51	Third do
Piny Grove,	1841	5	1	1				11	23	34	Third do
Tuckahoe,	1865										
Trenton,	1870										
Newbern,											
Fort Barnwell		1	5							28	First do
Beaufort,		2					1	11	25	36	Once a month.
Smyrna,			2		2	3	3	38	50	88	First Sunday.
Woodville,								9	15	24	Fourth do
Davis' Shore,	1867	1				4	1	40	46	86	Third do
Young Bethel,	1867	5				1		20	26	46	Second do
Kinston,		1	4		1	1	1	11	15	26	Third do
Union,		7	3					7	23	30	Second do
Woodenton,	1858					3	1	7	13	20	Fourth do
Union Chapel,						9		14	49	63	Fourth do
Jacksonville,								9	21	30	Third do
Pleasant Hill,		6	2	1	4	7	4	23	2	25	Third do
2d B. Ch. Wil'gton.	1870	154	11	18	5	8	1			170	Each Sunday.
Myrtle Grove,	1871	32	7	5						44	1st & 3d do
Long Creek,	1870	1	10					26	41	67	Fourth do
		413	109	50	175	89	57	1355	2627	4224	

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

G. W. Hufham, Warsaw,
A Guy, "
W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia,
J. N. Stallings, Kenansville,
H. McAlpin, Clinton,
J. L. Stewart, "
J. C. Hiden, Wilmington,
John E. King, "
G. W. Camp, Kinston,
Wm. Bland, Harrell's Store,
J. T. Albritton, Mt. Olive,
J. R. Oliver, "
H. P. Brinson, Moore's Creek,
J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store,
O. M. Matthews, " "
A. D. Cohen, La Grange,
Levi Thorne, Newbern,
G. S. Best, Kenansville,
T. J. Leary, Beaufort,
J. Utley, "
C. C. Newton, Herringsville,
B. G. Covington, Hallsville,
J. J. Rhodes, Kinston,
J. D. Hufham, Warsaw.

Sabbath School Statistics.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	No. Teachers.	No. Pupils.
Wilmington,	B. A. Hallett,	19	263
Mt. Holly,	Isaiah Carroll,	6	40
Moore's Creek,	W. A. Moore,	8	46
Shiloh,	H. D. Marshburn,	5	20
Bethel,	D. W. Alderman,	4	30
New Hope,	E. Strickland,	9	60
Piny Grove,	J. W. Lane,	7	40
Rowan,	J. W. Bell,	6	25
Ebenezer,	L. W. Highsmith,	4	24
Falling Creek,	W. H. Hood,	7	40
Mt. Olive,	J. T. Albritton,	10	68
Bear Marsh,	B. Oliver,	8	66
Warsaw,	I. Royal,	10	45
Johnson's,	S. M. Carleton,	8	25
Kenansville,	Mrs. Mary N. Grimes,		
Concord,	J. W. Taylor,	6	40
Beaufort,	J. D. Davis,	13	31
Smyrna,	J. S. Smith,	8	50
Woodville,	J. Arthur,	6	30
Davis' Shore,	W. V. Davis,	10	60
Kinston,	G. W. Camp,	7	40
Union,	W. E. Sutton,	8	35
Woodenton,	J. G. Cox.	7	45
2d Bap. Ch. Wil'ton.	W. H. Gregory,	7	44
Long Creek,	Mrs. M. E. Herring & J. H. Brinson,	3	34

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the Eastern Association.

ART. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ART. 3. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates.

ART. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter, certifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the state of the church.

ART. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen from among its members by ballot, by a majority of the members voting, and continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint Committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, and superintend their printing and distribution among the churches.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body and disburse the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

ART. 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee, consisting of not less than five or more than seven members; which Committee shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and Colportage. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and during intervals between the meetings of this body, to receive and disburse funds for those objects, and to take such steps for their advancement as they shall deem advisable, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings.

ART. 10. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of her churches which neglect to preserve gospel order.

ART. 11. The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of the body except that of voting.

ART. 12. The annual session of this Association shall commence on Tuesday after the first Lord's day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

ART. 13. By appointment of the Association, there shall be an Introductory Sermon, of a denominational character, and a Missionary Sermon.

ART. 14. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the proceeding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence, a chairman, *pro tem*, shall be elected.
2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.
3. At each daily session, and previous to proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous daily sessions read.
4. The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes christians.
5. Any member wishing to speak shall arise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.
6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.
7. All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer before discussion.
8. No motion shall be withdrawn after its discussion.
9. When a question is under discussion, no motion or proposition shall be received, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.
10. After a motion is decided, any member having voted in the majority, may move a reconsideration.
11. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association, without permission of the presiding officer, and no one shall take final leave of absence without the permission of the Assciation, and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the minutes.
12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.
13. The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to its consideration.
14. The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a majority of votes.

Order of Business.

1. Reading Church letters and enrolling delegates.
2. Election of officers.
3. Call for Petitionary letters.
4. Appointment of Committees.
5. Reception of corresponding delegates and visitors.
6. Appointment of corresponding delegates.
7. Reports of standing Committees.
8. Reports of other Committees.
9. Report of Trustees of Ministers' Relief Society.
10. Report of Treasurer.
11. Miscellaneous Business.
12. Adjournment.

RULES OF DECORUM FOR THE CHURCHES.

1. We will hold at least four Conference meetings in the year for the transaction of business; also special meetings whenever requisite.

2. The names of the members shall be called at every regular meeting, and there shall be due notice taken of the absence of those who discover a disposition to absent themselves.

3. At every Conference, the pastor, in his right of office, shall preside as Moderator; and in case of his absence, the Conference shall appoint a Moderator, *pro tem*, who shall open Conference by devotional exercises.

4. The Clerk shall keep a Church book, in which all the proceedings of the Conference shall be faithfully transcribed, and at every regular meeting the minutes of the preceding meeting shall be read immediately after the names are called.

5. An invitation shall be given to brethren of our faith and order to sit with us in Conference, who shall enjoy all the privileges of the meeting except that of voting.

6. Every subject for the consideration of the Conference shall be introduced by a motion, which, when seconded, shall be debated and acted upon, unless withdrawn by the mover.

7. Every speaker shall rise and address the Moderator by the appellation of brother, and shall confine his remarks to the subject under debate, and shall not be allowed to speak more than twice on one subject, except by permission of the Church.

8. No member shall withdraw from the Conference without the permission of the Moderator.

9. It shall be required that in matters of difference between members, before complaint is made to the church, the aggrieved party shall have duly attended to the instructions of our Lord, Matt. 18th chapter, 16th, 17th and 18th verses, and public offences or such as operate against the peace of the church, shall be the subject of discipline.

10. All questions submitted to the Conference shall be decided by a majority of votes, except receiving members to fellowship; and any question may be reconsidered upon the motion of any who voted in the affirmative.

11. The Moderator shall propound all questions for vote—shall keep the speakers to the subject under debate—may express his own views, after others are done speaking, and see that these rules are faithfully observed.

12. These Rules of Decorum may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the whole church.

Resolved, That this Association recommend the adoption of the foregoing rules to all the churches that comprise this body.

2nd Bap Wilmington.
Long Creek
Myrtle Grove

WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL,

FOR MALES AND FEMALES.

The Scholastic year is divided into two sessions of twenty weeks each. The Spring session begins, the fourth Monday in January—the Fall session, the fourth Monday in July.

Terms per Session.

Primary Department,	$10
Intermediate "	15
Advanced Course,	20
Music and use of Instrument,	23
Incidentals,	1

Board, per week, (exclusive of washing and lights,) $2 50.

Half the charges required in advance.

Instruction, in English Branches, given to the children of any Minister of this Association free of charge.

Students, prepared for college, or receive a thorough business education.

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Wake Forest College.

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The Annual Session begins September 15th and closes on the 4th Thursday in June.

Expenses in Currency.

Tuition per Term of Five Months,			$35 00
Board, (without lodging,) per week,	2 50	to	3 00
" (with lodging,) " "	3 00	to	3 50
" in "Clubs," (without lodging,) per week,	1 50	to	2 00
Room-rent and servant hire, each, " "			15

Washing, fuel and lights at moderate rates.

Education of Ministers.

The faculty are authorized to receive candidates for the Christian Ministry without charge for tuition, provided they shall be recommended by some ecclesiastical authority.

The Education Board of the Baptist State Convention, afford further pecuniary aid to indigent young men, who furnish satisfactory testimonials of character, and fitness for the work of the Ministry.

If any student shall accept either of the above gratuities, and shall afterwards abandon the Ministry, the tuition fees, and the pecuniary aid extended, shall be held as debts due respectively to the College, and to the Board of Education.

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W. M. WINGATE, President.
Forestville, N. C.

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ELDER HUGH McALPIN, Moderator, Clinton, N. C.
ISHAM ROYAL, Clerk, Warsaw, N. C.
ELDER J. L. STEWART, Treasurer, Clinton, N. C.

Executive Committee :

B. OLIVER, *Chairman*, Mount Olive, N. C.
D. J. MIDDLETON, Warsaw, "
KEDAR VANN, | L. R. CARROLL,
J. W. LANE, | J. M. WOOTEN,
W. E. SUTTON.

Trustees of Warsaw High School.

W. M. Kennedy, Pres.,	L. Highsmith,	Kedar Vann,
D. J. Middleton, Sec.,	Isham Royal,	B. Oliver,
G. A. Herring,	J. M. Wooten,	J. W. Taylor,
Richard Herring,	A. Gray,	A. W. Carlton.
D. P. Bland,	G. S. Best,	J. D. Carroll,
G. W. Carroll,	J. P. Faison,	J. L. Stewart.
Jas. K. Williams,	H. S. Averett,	J. N. Stallings.
L. R. Carroll,	H. McAlpin,	Joel Loftin,
S. M. Carlton,	A. M. Faison,	J. L. Carlton,
J. K. Smith,	A. B. Alderman,	A. Royal.

PROCEEDINGS.

UNION, LENOIR CO., N. C.
October 8th 1872.

The Eastern Association met according to adjournment. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder A. D. Cohen from Eph. IV; 12: "For the work of the ministry."

Intermission of thirty minutes.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Elder H. McAlpin, who read I Cor. xiii.

The list of Churches called, proceeded to read the letters.—Brethren S. J. Faison and L. R. Carroll, appointed reading Clerks: Brethren J. C. Hines, J. M. Wooten and B. Matthews appointed Committee of Finance.

The following delegates were enrolled:

1. *Wilmington—First Baptist Church*—J. C. Hiden.
2. " *Second* " " Letter.
3. *Mt. Holly*—Laban Carroll, Isaiah Carroll.
4. *Moore's Creek*—W. R. Brinson, A. B. Alderman.
5. *Bethlehem.*
6. *Marshall's M. H.*—Letter.
7. *Riley's Creek*—J. C. Hokert, W. W. Larkins.
8. *Shiloh*—W. J. Herring.
9. *Wells' Chapel*—S. J. Faison.
10. *Myrtle Grove*—Thomas G. Burris.
11. *Long Creek*—J. H. Brinson.
12. *Bethel*—Letter.
13. *Lisbon*—Richard Herring.
14. *Mt. Gilead*—B. Matthews, S. Peterson.
15. *New Hope*—J. R. Wilson.
16. *Boykin's Chapel*—H. McAlpin, G. R. Boykin, O. Blackburn.
17. *Beulah*—Letter.
18. *Piney Grove, (Sampson)*—J. C. Hines, W. I. Lane, J. W. Lane.
19. *Rowan*—Letter.
20. *Clinton*—J. L. Stewart, B. S. Peterson.
21. *Ebenezer*—Kedar Vann.
22. *Mt. Zion.*
23. *Haw Bluff*—J. J. Croom.
24. *Falling Creek*—W. G. Britt.

25. *Mt. Olive*—John T. Albritton, O. Summerlin. J. D. Roberts.
26. *Bear Marsh*—B. Oliver, D. K. Kornegay, A. S. Davis.
27. *Warsaw*—Isham Royal, T. F. Bayett, W. H. Warters.
28. *Johnson's*—W. M. Kennedy, G. S. Best, J. L. Carlton.
29. *Kenansville*—J. N. Stallings, F. M. Southerland, D. J. Middleton.
30. *Beaverdam*—L. R. Carroll, J. H. Swinson.
31. *Concord*—J. W. Taylor.
32. *Berea*—Letter.
33. *Island Creek*—Letter.
34. *Hallsville*—E. W. Farrier, J. D. Brown.
35. *Corinth*—Letter.
36. *Prospect.*
37. *Chinquepin*—J. D. Brown.
38. *Dobson's Chapel*—O. D. Bostick.
39. *Piney Grove, (Jones)*—B. Dillahunt, J. Williams, W. H. Bishop.
40 *Tuckahoe*—Letter.
41. *Trenton*—Peter Andrews.
42. *Newbern*—A. D. Cohen, L. Thorne.
43. *Brice's Creek.*
44. *Fort Barnwell*—Letter.
45. *Beaufort*—A. D. Cohen.
46. *Smyrna*—Letter.
47. *Woodville*—Letter.
48. *Davis' Shore*—Letter.
49. *Young Bethel*—H. Harrell, T. J. Leary.
50. *Kinston*—Jesse Jackson, E. F. Cox, S. E. Loftin.
51. *Union*—J. L. Lee, B. Sutton, W. E. Sutton.
52. *Woodenton*—H. Waller.
53. *Union Chapel*—J. P. Cox, J. M. Wooten.
54. *Jacksonville.*
55. *Pleasant Hill*—J. R. Marshall.
56. *Brown's M. H.*—Letter.
57. *Canaan.*
58. *Natmore.*
59. *Middle Sound*—Letter.
60. *Enon*—B. G. Covington.
61. *Piney Grove. (Onslow)*—B. G. Covington.

Letter from Shiloh petitioning for next session of the Association; laid on the table.

Letter from Myrtle Grove, asking letter of dismission to join the Cape Fear Association; laid on the table.

Letters from Falling Creek, Chinquepin and Pleasant Hill asking aid; referred to Executive Committee.

Letter from Union; referred to Committee on Obituaries.

Proceeded to election of officers. Richard Herring and J. W. Taylor appointed to conduct the election of Moderator—Kedar Vann and B. S. Peterson to conduct the election of Clerk.

Result: Hugh McAlpin re-elected Moderator; Isham Royal re-elected Clerk.

On motion of Elder Kennedy the election of Treasurer was postponed until to-morrow.

On motion, Elder W. M. Kennedy, and Brethren J. L. Lee, Jesse Jackson, W. E. Sutton and D. K. Kornegay were appointed a Committee on Religious Exercises.

Committee on Religious Exercises reported: Prayer meeting in the morning at 9½ o'clock; Elder J. B. Richardson to preach at 10 o'clock; Missionary Sermon at 12 o'clock by Elder B. G. Covington; Evening preaching by Elder C. Durham.

Adjourned to meet at 9½ o'clock in the morning.

Prayer by Elder Stewart: Benediction by Moderator.

UNION, WEDNESDAY, October 9th, 1872.

Religious exercises conducted by Elder J. B. Richardson; Bro. Laban Carroll and Elder Stewart led in prayer.

Association called to order by Moderator, who read Ps. 84.—Elder Stallings led in prayer.

Roll called; Minutes read; Order of business suspended, and corresponding and visiting brethren invited to seats. Elder C. Durham, announced as a visitor from Pamlico Association.

Elder J. D. Hufham, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, announced as a visitor.

Elder J. B. Richardson reported himself as a visitor from Greensboro; also Elder J. Utley from Piney Grove, Jones Co.

On motion, Elder Cohen was recognized as a delegate from Beaufort.

Bro. H. Harrell and Elder T. J. Leary recognized as delegates from Young Bethel.

Petitionary letters called for. Letters from Middle Sound, Enon and Piney Grove, Onslow, asking for admission, were read.

On motion, they were received. Elder Covington recognized as a delegate from Enon and Piney Grove, and the right hand of fellowship extended.

The following Committees were appointed:

To Nominate Trustees of Warsaw High School—Laban Carroll, S. J. Faison, J. W. Lane.

To Nominate Executive Committee—W. M. Kennedy, J. W. Taylor, E. W. Farrier.

Spiritual Condition of the Churches—John T. Albritton, A. B. Alderman, B. Matthews.

Sabbath Schools—G. S. Best, W. W. Larkins, L. R. Carroll.

Religious Publications—J. C. Hiden, J. D. Hufham, J. N. Stallings.

Ministerial Support—J. L. Stewart, A. D. Cohen, Jesse Jackson.

Obituaries—W. M. Kennedy, J. M. Wooten, B. S. Peterson.

Foreign Missions—(*To report next session,*) L. Thorne, J. B. Richardson, B. Oliver.

Auditing Committee—J. D. Roberts, Isaiah Carroll, J. C. Hines.

Education—J. D. Hufham, T. J. Leary, E. F. Cox.

To Nominate Delegates to Baptist State Convention—D. J. Middleton, D. K. Kornegay, S. Peterson.

To Nominate Ministers to preach stated Sermons next Session—S. J. Faison, W. E. Sutton, O. Blackburn.

J. H. Mills, editor of *Biblical Recorder* welcomed as a visitor.

Committee on Systematic Benificence (*To report next session*)—J. N. Stallings, J. L. Carlton, J. R. Oliver.

On motion of J. M. Wooten, *Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed, to report what course the Association should pursue towards those Churches retaining drunkards, and those engaged in the pernicious sale of intoxicating liquors—Remarks by J. C. Hiden, J. H. Mills, J. M. Wooten—Committee, John T. Albritton, W. E. Sutton, B. G. Covington, J. M. Wooten, Levi Thorne.

On motion of J. L. Stewart, any member of this Association, who may be present at the session of any Association with which we correspond be considered as delegate to said bodies.

Executive Committee reported.

Moved to adopt. Remarks by B. Oliver and J. M. Wooten.—Pending the consideration of the report, adjourned to hear Missionary Sermon, by Elder B. G. Covington, who preached from Matt. XII; 31, 32, 33. At close of sermon a collection was made amounting to $23 13.

Intermission.

Re-assembled. Report of Executive Committee again read.—Remarks by A. D. Cohen, B. Oliver, John T. Albritton, B. G. Covington, T. J. Leary, L. Thorne, J. C. Hiden, J. Utley, J. D. Hufham, J. N. Stallings, W. M. Kennedy.

On motion of Elder Kennedy, the list of Churches called to receive pledges.

(NOTE. The pledges made by the Churches are inserted in the report of the Committee of Finance.—Clerk.)

INDIVIDUAL PLEDGES.

S. E. Loftin, (pd.	$10	Miss E. Matthews,	1	J. D. Roberts,	$2 50
A. B. Alderman,	2	Miss H. Matthews,	1	Mrs. Becton, (pd.)	1
J. P. Cox,	5	H. E. Royal,	5	Jesse Jackson,	10
F. Duffy,	10	Miss Sue Herring,	1	J. W. Taylor,	10
H. Harrell,	5	Nancy Spence,	1	D. K. Kornegay,	10
H. McAlpin,	10	Mrs. H. McAlpin,	1	S. J. Faison, [pd.]	5
J. R. Marshall, (pd.)	1	Mrs. S. Peterson,	1	B. S. Peterson,	5
Thomas G. Burris,	10	Jno. H. Swinson, (pd.)	1	Kedar Vann,	5
S. Peterson,	5	J. R. Wilson, (pd.)	50 cts.	B. Matthews, [pd.]	75 c.
J. M. Wooten, (pd.)	10	Mrs. D. K. Kornegay,	1	O. Blackburn,	5
J. D. Roberts, (pd.)	1	James D. Sutton,	1	G. R. Boykin,	5
Richard Herring, (pd.)	5	Elizabeth J. Wooten,	5	J. D. Brown,	2
H. E. Foster,	7	Sarah A. Parker,	1	E. W. Farrier,	5
J. Utley, (pd.)	25 cents.	Miss Ann Best,	1	W. R. Best,	5
Mrs. C. Moore,	1	D. J. Middleton,	5	W. W. Larkins,	5
Mrs. L. R. Carroll,	1	L. R. Carroll,	5	W. J. Lane, (1½pd.)	5
Mrs. M. D. Kennedy,	1	W. H. Bishop,	2	H. Herring, [pd.)	1
Miss Bessie Kennedy,	1	W. E. Sutton,	5	F. M. Southerland,	1
David S. Kennedy,	1	Mrs. H. C. Huggins,	1		
Miss N. J. McDaniel,	2	J. R. Wilson, [pd.]	50 cts.		

Elder J. D. Hufham proposed to be one of forty to raise $1,000, when the following pledges were made:

J. N. Stallings,	$25	B. G. Covington and wife,	$25
B. Oliver,	25	J. M. Wooten,	25
A. N. Faison,	25	J. Stewart,	25
G. S. Best,	25		

Committee of Arrangements reported the following: Elder J. C. Hiden to preach to-morrow at 10½ o'clock; Elder J. D. Hufham to preach at 12 o'clock.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning 9½ o'clock.

Prayer by Elder T. J. Leary: Singing; "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." Benediction by Moderator.

UNION, THURSDAY, October 10th, 1872.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Moderator read John x; 18 verses. Prayer by Elder Utley.

Roll called. Minutes of yesterday read. Consideration of Report of Executive Committee being in order, remarks were made by B. Oliver, J. D. Hufham, J. L. Stewart: pledges made.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Executive Committee submits the following report:

We have aided the churches at Chinquepin, Dobson's Chapel, and Brown's meeting house, and have made a small appropriation for several points of interest on the sound above Wilmington. Encouraging results have attended our efforts at all these points. At Chinquepin, 6 have been baptised and three await baptism; at Dobson's Chapel, 9 have been baptized, and at Brown's meeting house, 5; while at all these churches larger congregations and encouraging interest is reported. At the points on the sounds two have been baptized and a church organized at Middle Sound, one of those points.

The report of our Treasurer will show besides the above, a small amount paid to Elder J. T. Leary, which is for the past year's services; bro. Leary having inadvertently failed to report till the present year.

The regular missionaries of your committee, Elders G. S. Best and B. G. Covington, have met with the most encouraging success. Elder Best has labored diligently in his field, in Jones and a portion of Onslow counties and has baptized 26 at the different points, and received 5 others upon certificates of baptism, by which the cause has been greatly strengthened. Elder B. G. Covington has zealously and efficiently cultivated his field in Onslow county. He has baptized in that field 54, and 4 others have been received and await baptism. and 2 have been received on certificates of baptism. Two churches have been organized at very important points; one at Enon, 15 miles from any other church and six miles from the ocean; the membership being comprised of refined, intelligent persons with a good deal of wealth, which will render her self-sustaining; the other near Swansboro, which, while pecuniarily weaker than that at Enon, compares very favorably with it in other respects. The church at Jacksonville has been greatly strengthened and rendered nearly or quite self-sustaining.

We have thus given you, dear brethren, a concise statement of what we have done during the year and the results actually accomplished by the Master's blessings upon the efforts of your missionaries. But this does not exhibit all that has been effected, provided the proper efforts are continued; for all the people in this whole section are ripe for the gospel, as we teach and proclaim it. There are other important points, which are calling loudly upon us for the gospel and the whole country is ready to receive it. There still exists much destitution, and now is the time so come up to the full measure of our duty and go up and possess the land. To do this, we need more consecration and greater liberality to enable us not only to keep our present force in the field, but to send out at least one other good, strong man, and to procure and circulate our denominational literature. Now, dear brethren, is the time to help, to do all we can. The Lord help us to do our full duty.

Respectfully,

B. OLIVER, Ch'mn.

Committee to nominate Executive Committee reported the following:

Your committee to nominate an Executive Committee recommend the following brethren, viz: Benjamin Oliver, D. J. Middleton, Kedar Vann, Jesse W. Lane, W. E. Sutton, L. R. Carroll, James M. Wooten.

We recommend the adoption of the following:

WHEREAS, Bro. Lewis Highsmith has been for nearly 20 years a most active and efficient member of this Association, and of the Executive Committee, and Whereas, on account of his age and bodily infirmity, he is unable to attend the meetings of the committee regularly, and thus renders it necessary to drop him as a member thereof, and Whereas, an expression of appreciation of the services of Bro. Highsmith is due him and appropriate, therefore,

Resolved, That this body hereby express their utmost confidence in Bro. Highsmith and their high appreciatiou of his services, so long and faithfully rendered, and deeply regret that his age and declining health precludes him from further active duty as a member of the committee.

Your committee regret to learn of the failing health of our esteemed Bro., Col. S. S. Biddle, a former member of the Executive Committee, which renders it necessary to appoint another in his place, which he has filled very acceptably, for the brief period of one year.

Respectfully submitted,
W. M. KENNEDY, Ch'mn.

Rules of order suspended. On motion of J. N. Stallings, Elder J. B. Richardson presented the claims of Greensboro church $29 05 received in cash and pledges.

On motion of I. Royal proceeded to election of Treasurer of Association. G. S. Best and B. S. Peterson appointed to conduct the election. Result: J. L. Stewart elected Treasurer.

Elder Thorne read the report on Foreign Missions. Remarks by J. H. Mills, and Elders Thorne, Stallings, Best, Hufham and Kennedy. Adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

God is fulfilling His promise to His Son, "Ask of me and I will give Thee the heathen for Thine inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for Thy possession." As early as we could understand, we heard our now sainted fathers, praying the Lord with his mighty hand to open the nations to the gospel of Christ.

These prayers have been answered. India is largely christianized, China is open to the word, Japan is open, the Isles of the Sea are rejoicing in the knowledge of redeeming grace, Ethopia is stretching out her hands to the Lord; but the most eventful and cheering providence of many ages, is the humbling and chaining of the man of sin—so that the gospel of Christ can be preached in Rome also.

Thus God is speaking to us, the nations of the earth are calling us—the memory of our fathers is stimulating us—and all unite in prompting us to say one to another, "Come let us go up and possess the land." It is the opinion of your committee, that, as a people, we have not considered the greatness of the day in which we live, or how blessed it would be to give our-

selves, living sacrifices to God, or how this poor sin smitten world will rejoice when the whole earth shall be full of the glory of God.

The cry for help is so urgent that we, as disciples of Jesus, should consider well, whether our regarding all that we have, as absolutely our own, is not a great mistake, and whether covetousness, which is idolatry, is not, this day, our great sin, and for which we need to humble ourselves before the Lord.—Therefore your committee respectfully recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Ministers and Deacons of all the churches of this Association, are earnestly desired to urge upon all the members of their churches, their personal duty in liberally sustaining the great work of Foreign Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

LEVI THORNE, Ch'mn.

Elder J. D. Hufham read the report on Religious Publications. Remarks by Elders Kennedy and Hufham, and J. H. Mills.—Adopted.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS PUBLICATIONS.

A well conducted newspaper is a very important instrumentality for good in the family and in the churches. We would therefore commend the *Biblical Recorder* to the members of this body. It is a large, well printed sheet, and published at such low rates—only two dollars a year—as to place it within the reach of most of our people. Its editorial management is bold and spirited, yet judicious, and it is well worthy of the most liberal partonage.

The *Home and Foreign Journal*, published monthly at Charlottesville, Va., in the interest of the mission work of the Southern Baptist Convention, has greatly improved within the last few months. Its cost is only fifty cents a year and should be in the hands of every church member.

Kind Words is published in Memphis, Tennessee. It is our Southern Baptist Sunday School paper. It has an extensive circulation and is worthy of a still larger patronage.

J. C. HIDEN, Ch'mn.

Committee on Sabbath Schools reported. Adopted.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your committee appointed last year, to report this session on Sabbath Schools, submit the followi g:

We find that out of our 60 churches, 20 only report Sabbath schools, with 58 teachers, 1104 scholars and 960 volumes in their libraries.

We rejoice that so many are instructed in the great and beneficial enterprise, yet we must express our deep regrets that there are two-thirds of our churches unengaged in this useful instrumentality of accomplishing good. We feel that each church ought to have a Sabbath school and instruct the children of her members and others who avoid them, and thus do what they can to train them for usefulness, for Jesus and for Heaven.

J. N. STALLINGS, Ch'mn.

Committee to nominate Trustees of Warsaw High School reported. Adopted. See 2nd page.

Committee of Finance reported. Adopted. Committee authorized to pay funds in their hands to Treasurer.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF FINANCE.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	Itinerant Fund.	Foreign Missions	Pledges for ensuing year.
WILMINGTON, 1st.	$ 5 00	$ 50 00		$ 50 00
WILMINGTON, 2nd.	1 50	10 00		
MT. HOLLY,	3 40	5 75		15 00
MOORE'S CREEK,	2 00	16 75		
RILEY'S CREEK,	3 00	5 60		10 00
MARSHALL'S M. H.,	2 00	5 00	2 00	
SHILOH,	1 50	6 35	7 10	5 00
WELL'S CHAPEL,	4 00	16 70		20 00
MYRTLE GROVE,	50	1 50		
LONG CREEK,	2 00	3 50		5 00
BETHEL,	1 95	4 00		5 00
LISBON,	2 25	15 00		20 00
MT. GILEAD,	3 00	4 45		20 00
NEW HOPE,	3 00	5 00		15 00
BOYKIN'S CHAPEL,	3 00	10 00		20 00
BROWN'S,	1 50			
BEULAH,	3 00	2 00		
PINEY GROVE, Sampson,	2 00			30 00
ROWAN,	1 50	8 00		5 75
CLINTON,	2 00		1 00	20 00
EBENEZER,	1 50	3 00		20 00
HAW BLUFF,	1 50	5 00	4 60	10 00
FALLING CREEK,	1 00	1 00		5 00
MT. OLIVE.	1 2	4 50		20 00
BEAR MARSH,	3 35			40 00
WARSAW.	3 00	6 60		7 50
JOHNSON'S,	2 60	15 0		25 00
KENANSVILLE,	2 60			30 00
BEAVERDAM.	3 50	11 00	1 50	15 00
CONCORD,	2 00	3 00	1 00	10 00
BEREA,	1 70	00		
ISLAND CREEK,	2 00	3 00		8 00
HALLSVILLE,	2 50	6 85		15 00
CORINTH,	1 50	10 00		10 00
CHINQUEPIN,	1 75	2 00		10 00
DOBSON'S CHAPEL,	1 25	1 50		
PINEY GROVE, Jones,	2 50			10 00
TUCKAHOE,	50			
TRENTON,	2 00			
NEW-BERNE,	2 50			20 00
FORT BARNWELL,	2 00			
BEAUFORT,	50	1 00		
SMYRNA,	1 50			5 00
WOODVILLE,	1 00			3 00
DAVIS' SHORE,	1 50			5 00
YOUNG BETHEL,				5 00
KINSTON,	2 00	5 00		10 00
UNION,	2 00			
WOODENTON,	1 00			
UNION CHAPEL,	3 00	14 25		
JACKSONVILLE,	2 00			
PLEASANT HILL,	2 00			5 00
ENON.	1 50			
PINEY GROVE, Onslow,	1 00			
MIDDLE SOUND,	50			
	$ 109 10	$ 258 60	$ 15 20	$ 529 25

The Finance Committee report that there is:

For Itinerancy, $258 60—Error in change 30 ..... $258 90
Minute Fund, $109 10—Error in change 40 ..... 109 50
Foreign Missions, ... 15 20

$383 60

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. HINES, B. MATTHEWS, J. M. WOOTEN, Committee.

Elder Albritton read the report on Spiritual Condition of the Churches. Adopted.

REPORT ON THE SPIRITUAL CONDITION OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The committee on the Spiritual Condition of the churches report that the letters indicate that the present year has been one of spiritual declension.—Only 192 baptisms are reported, fewer by 221 than those of last year. Last year 25 Sabbath schools were reported ; this year 20 schools are reported ; five less than those of last year. Only one third of the churches manifest any interest in the Sabbath school work. Five of the 60 churches have sent up about $15 for Foreign Missions. Fifty-five churches have ignored the Foreign Missionary enterprise in their letters. The greater part of the churches have preaching but once a month, and no prayer meetings.

Brethren, these are humiliating statements, since they show that many of our churches are sinfully slumbering in this day of golden opportunities and tremendous responsibilities. Let us pray God to awaken them and bring them to repentance.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. Albriton,
A. B. Alderman, } Committee.
B. Matthews,

Committee on resolution with reference to those churches retaining in their fellowship, drunkards, and those engaged in the promiscuous sale of intoxicating liquors, reported. Adopted.

REPORT ON INTEMPERANCE.

Your committee to whom was assigned the duty of suggesting what action should be taken by this Association, with reference to such of her churches, as persistently retain in their fellowship drunkards and those engaged in the promiscuous sale of intoxicating liquors, recommend that, inasmuch as such churches are not in gospel order, this Association should promptly withdraw from them in accordance with Article 10th of the Constitution.

J. T. Albritton,
B. G. Covington,
W. E. Sutton, } Committee.
J. M. Wooten,
Levi Thorne,

Elder Kennedy read the report of Trustees of Warsaw High School. Remarks by Elders Cohen, Stallings and Kennedy.—Adopted.

RFPORT ON WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL.

The Trustees of Warsaw High School beg leave to report, that in December last they held a meeting of the Board at the Seminary to take into consideration the preservation of the property, and the general interests of the school. And after due consultation we agree to lease the house and grounds to the present Principal of the school, Bro. Royal, for the term of five years for the sum of seventy-five dollars per annum, the rent to be paid annually, and the money thus obtained to be expended in repairing and otherwise improving the property. We refer you to the report of the Principal of the school for information relative to its present condition, from which you will see that at no time since the war has the Institution been in a more healthy and prosperous state than at the present.

We heartily commend the school to the patronage of our people generally, with the full assurance that those who send their sons and daughters to this school will not regret it.

WM. KENNEDY, Pres. Board.

To the Trustees of Warsaw High School:

I herewith submit to you my annual report. The school is in a more healthy and prosperous condition than it has been at any time since the war. The classes are better organized, and the attendance more regular. The music department has been kept up without intermission, during the year. The school has been furnished with another Piano. The accommodations for board have increased—with low rates of board as well as tuition. I respectfully solicit the co-operation and patronage of the Trustees and friends of the school. Thanking you for the confidence reposed in me, I am yours respectfully,

ISHAM ROYAL,
Oct. 8th, 1872. Warsaw, N. C.

Elder Stewart read the report on Ministerial Support:

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

Your committee on Ministerial Support, regret that they are not in possession of the facts in relation to this subject. The letters do not show the amount of salary raised by the churches for this object.

But they do not believe that more than one or two pastors in the Association are fully sustained by their churches. All the remainder are compelled to resort to other means to support their families.

The committee deem it unnecessary to enter into an argument to show, that, the Scriptures teach the duty of Pastoral support; but would urge upon the churches the great importance of this subject, and of their coming up to the full measure of duty in this matter.

COMMITTEE.

Adjourned 40 minutes.

EVENING SESSION.—Elder Kennedy read the report on Obituaries. Adopted.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Your committee on Obituaries report that since our last session, our esteemed brother, Elder J. J. Rhodes, a member of Tuckahoe church, who for many years had been actively engaged in the work of the ministry, has been called from the toils of earth, as we trust to his reward in heaven. As the annual letter from the church, of which he was a member, gives no data upon which to found an extended obituary, we can only say that brother Rhodes was an exemplary christian and faithful and zealous minister of the gospel of Christ.

The church at New Hope mourns the death of Bro. Lewis Carroll, who was baptized by Elder Lewis Williams about thirty years ago, and was ordained a deacon of the church a few months thereafter, which office he filled to the satisfaction of the church until the time of his death.

We also notice the death of H. G. Barnhill, a deacon of Haw Bluff church, who was for many years a prominent member of his church and a useful member of this Association.

It is also our sad duty to report the death of Capt. Wm. Sutton, a member and deacon of the church at Union, for an extended account of whose active, benevolent, christian life, reference is made to the letter of said church to this Association, the portion of which relating to his death we hereto append as a part of the report.

[*Extract from the Letter from Union.*]

"DEAR BRETHREN:—We are unexpectedly called on to mourn the death of our worthy Senior Deacon, Captain William Sutton, who died at his residence in this county on the 30th day of August last, in the 49th year of his age.—For upwards of a fourth of a century, Bro. Sutton had been a worthy member of the Baptist Church. But during the time that this church ceased to exercise the function of a living organization, he grew somewhat lukewarm as an active church member, but maintained his character as a christian. At this period of his life he was actively engaged in extensive secular business, and was a leading politician, having for many years served his county in the General Assembly of the State. He was a Captain of Artillery in the late war, and languished for many months in a northern prison. The last few years of his life, however, were spent in active and untiring efforts to advance the cause of Christ in this community and to build up a permanent church at this place. When this church was re-organized, about three years ago, Bro. Sutton assumed the entire support of the pastor, as well as the incidental expenses of the church. And although other members and friends contributed liberally, he simply received it as a thank offering to God, declaring at the same time, that he felt, that it would be a pleasure to him to bear the entire burden alone. Nor was this all. He gave liberally to other objects of benevolence, outside of his own church, for his large and liberal heart took in the whole range of christian benevolence and love. Capt. Sutton was a man of public spirit, a warm-hearted and enterprising citizen. At the time of his death, he had on hand the project of establishing a school of high character at this place for the education of the youth in this community. In his social relations, he was calm, dignified and pleasant. In his domestic relations, he was devoted to the happiness of his family. An affectionate husband and father, he did all in his power to make those dependent upon him comfortable and happy, and to lead them to Him, who has promised never to leave nor forsake them.

Dear Brethren: We feel deeply the loss we have sustained; we miss his boundless charity, his pleasant songs, his fervent prayers and his heart searching and melting exhortations. In our great grief and sorrow, we crave an interest in your prayers. We feel that not only this church, but the whole Association has sustained a great loss in the death of this truly estimable and worthy christian gentleman."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. M. KENNEDY, Ch'mn.

Committee to nominate delegates to the Baptist State Convention reported the following:

Elders Levi Thorne, A. D. Cohen, J. C. Hiden, W. M. Kennedy, G. S. Best, J. N. Stallings, J. L. Stewart, J. R. Oliver, B. G. Covington, J. P. Faison, John T. Albritton, T. J. Leary, J. D. Hufham, C. C. Newton, Hugh McAlpin; Brethren J. C. Hines, L. R. Highsmith, Joel Hines, D. K. Kornegay, B. Oliver, J. W. Lane, C. P. Johnson, J. L. Boykin, D. J. Middleton, J. M. Wooten, W. E. Sutton, D. Cashwell, B. F. Mitchell, Kedar Vann, A. M. Faison, R. W. Millard. Respectfully submitted,

D. K. KORNEGAY,
D. J. MIDDLETON,
S. PETERSON,
} Committee.

Auditing Committee submitted the accounts of Treasurer of Executive Committee and Treasurer of Association, as audited and corrected. Adopted.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

D. J, MIDDLETON, Treasurer of Executive Committee, Dr.

To cash, balance from last year,		$140 58
Am't. rec'd. from Bear Marsh,		30 00
" " "	Piny Grove, Sampson,	20 00
" " "	Ebenezer,	12 0
" " "	Union,	10 00
" " "	Concord,	28 25
" " "	Piny Grove, Jones,	65 38
" " "	Brock's S. H.,	19 65
" " "	Union Chapel,	36 60
" " "	Mt. Olive,	20 00
" " "	Jacksonville, collect'n.	10 10
" " "	Jacksonville	12 35
" " "	New Hope,	11 00
" " "	Beaverdam,	20 00
" " "	Boykin's Chapel,	22 6
" " "	Will's Chapel,	20 00
" " "	" collect'n,	17 00
" " "	Mt. Gilead,	20 00
" " "	Corinth,	1 00
" " "	Kenansville,	30 00
" " "	Hallsville,	15 00
" " "	collection at Brown's,	13 30
" " "	Mt. Holly,	10 25
" " "	Johnson's	25 00
" " "	Clinton,	12 00
" " "	Out Station,	2 00
" " "	Trenton,	15 0
" " "	Marion Board,	30 00
" " "	Beulah,	7 80
" " "	Bethlehem,	12 50
" " "	Haw Bluff,	10 00
" " "	Moore's Creek,	19 25
" " "	Chinquepin,	5 00
" " "	Island Creek,	6 00
" " "	Long Creek,	8 45
" " "	Wilmington, 1st.,	50 00
" " "	Wilmington, 2nd.,	10 00
" " "	Riley's Creek,	5 0
" " "	Shiloh,	6 35
" " "	Myrtle Grove,	1 50
" " "	Bethel,	10 00
" " "	Lisbon,	15 00
" " "	Rowan,	6 00
" " "	Falling Creek,	1 00
" " "	Warsaw,	5 00
" " "	Dobson's Chapel,	1 50
" " "	Kinston,	5 00
" " "	collection at Stand,	23 13
		$892 09

INDIVIDUAL PLEDGES.

T. O. Kelly,	2 00
Dr. F. Duffy,	5 00
L. R. Highsmith,	5 00
Joseph Wilson,	5 00
Mrs. M. J. Frazel,	2 00
Miss Alice Cox,	1 00
Mrs. M. E. Groom,	50
J. N. Stallings,	20 00
J. D. Carroll,	00
Mrs. Julia Hollingsworth,	25
J. D. Roberts,	5 00
Mrs. M. D. Kennedy,	1 00
W. Bland,	5 00
Ellen Matthews,	50
J. M. Wooten	20 00
O. M. Matthews,	10 00
C. C. Newton,	10 00
Phoeba Newton,	5 00
G. S. Best,	20 00
J. W. Taylor,	5 00
Jacob Taylor,	5 00
Mrs. S. A. Taylor,	10 00
J. Wilkins,	2 75
Miss Nannie Murril',	1 00
B. S. Peterson,	00
Miss A. Mills,	1 00
S. Gillett,	2 00
Miss M. A. Carroll,	1 00
J. K. Williams,	10 00
Mrs Sue Colwell,	1 00
Mrs. H. Colwell,	1 00
J. K. Smith,	5 00
Miss Lucy B. Kennedy	1 00
G. A. Herring,	5 00
J. W. Swinson,	5 00
B. Oliver,	10 00
Mrs. R. C. Royal,	1 00
Miss Dolly Ashford,	1 00
Thomas J. Jarman,	10 00
Jesse Jackson,	4 00
J. L. Stewart,	10 00
Miss Mary Ciute,	1 00
J. P. Faison,	7 00
Frasmus Hancock,	2 00
Isaiah Carroll,	1 00
Miss Jane Carroll,	1 00
Mrs. M. J. Pollock,	25
Mrs. Amanda Wilson,	50
C. H. Smith,	5 00
Individual contributions,	2 00
	$1130 84
Cr. by vouchers	1116 25
	14 59

Audited and found correct.

J. D. ROBERTS,
J. C. HINES,
ISAIAH CARROLL,
} Committee

REPORT OF TREASURER OF ASSOCIATION.

I. Royal, acting Treasurer, Dr.

To Eastern Association,

Amount received, New Hope 1871—Minute Fund		$105 20
" " " " " Itinerant Fund		207 70
" " Foreign Missions		19 85
" " Yates' Chapel		7 10
" " Extension Shanghai Mission		3 00
" " Collection at Stand		55 65
" " Cash on Pledges		44 20
		$442 70

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By Am't. paid D. J. Middleton, Treas. Ex. Com.	$307 95	
" " J. B. Taylor, Cor. Sec. Foreign Missions	29 95	
" " N. S. Richardson, for printing minutes	65 85	
" " Clerk Fees,	25 00	
" " Postage and expense distributing minutes,	5 00	
	$433 75	
Balance on hand,	8 95	
		$442 70

Audited and found correct.

J. D. Roberts,
J. C. Hines,
Isaiah Carroll, } Aud. Com.

The committee to nominate ministers to preach stated sermons for another year, make the following report:

To preach the Introductory Sermon, J. C. Hiden; Alternate, J. N. Stallings. Missionary Sermon, J. D. Hufham; Alternate, J. L. Stewart.

Respectfully submitted,

S. J. Faison,
W. E. Sutton,
O. Blackburn, } Committee.

Letter from Myrtle Grove called up and a letter of dismission granted to unite with Cape Fear Association.

Resolved, That the churches be requested to report Pastor's salary and number of copies of *Biblical Recorder* taken, to next session.

Moved, That the committee appointed to report on Sabbath Schools to this session, report next session.

Letter from Shiloh asking for next session, called up. Agreed to hold next session of Association at Shiloh, New Hanover county.

On motion of Elder Cohen, notice of Wake Forest College and Warsaw High School to be printed on back of minutes.

Trustees of Ministers' Relief Society reported:

REPORT OF THE RELIEF FUND.

The Trustees of the Ministers' Relief Fund report the following:

We have done nothing during the past year in the direction of raising any funds for this object. We have taken steps to secure as much as we can of the Whitehead claims. The balance is secure in the hands of the Treasurer who is under good bonds for its safe keeping.

We give below the report of our Treasurer, showing our financial condition:

Whitehead claims,	$939 23
Interest,	112 70
Others claims	214 18
Interest,	25 70
	$1291 81

Respectfully submitted,

B. Oliver, Pres.

On motion of I. Royal, *Resolved*, That this body requests Elder A. D. Cohen to furnish, to *Biblical Recorder*, for publication, his sermon preached at the opening of this session.

On motion of Elder Stallings, *Resolved*, That the delegates when they return home, make an effort to raise boxes of provisions and clothing, in their churches for the benefit of the beneficiaries at Wake Forest, and forward the same to Treasurer of Board of Education. Adopted. During the consideration of the above resolution the following pledges were made in boxes: Fort Barnwell, 1 box; Kenansville, do.; Beaufort, Bbl. fish; Johnson's, Piny Grove, (Sampson) Riley's Creek, Bear Marsh, Boykin's Chapel, Hallsville, Mt. Holly, Moore's Creek, New Hope, Ebenezer, Beaverdam, Piny Grove, (Jones) Mt. Olive, Union, Concord, Wells' Chapel, pledged a box each; H. McAlpin, 1 box.

Remarks by Elder Kennedy and Jesse Jackson.

On motion of J. M. Wooten, *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Association are due and hereby tendered to this community, for the very hospitable manner in which they have entertained the delegates and visitors to this Association. also to the Railroads for granting tickets for half fare.

Elder Stallings offers the following:

Whereas, by the mode of conducting their operations, the Baptist State Convention has removed all obstacles preventing the full and free co-operation of this Association with the Convention; and whereas, such co-operation is desirable and will be conducive to the interests of both bodies, therefore,

Resolved, That our Committee be requested and authorized to enter into full and hearty co-operation with the Baptist State Convention.

The same is adopted unanimously.

Clerk allowed $25 for his services, and ordered to have 1,500 copies of the minutes printed for distribution among the churches. Balance of minute fund after paying the expenses of the minutes and Clerk's fees, to be appropriated to Itinerant fund.

On motion of Elder Stallings the following amendments were made to the Constitution:

ART. 3 Amended so as to read, This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates, who shall be members of that church.

ART. 4. Add at close "Provided, however, that when any church has prepared a letter, and through inadvertence the letter fails to be presented, her delegates may be received without its presentation."

Order of Business amended so as to make "incidental and routine motions be in order at any time."

Moved to adjourn. Parting remarks by the Moderator and Elder Kennedy. Sung, "On Jordan's stormy banks I stand," &c. Parting hand extended. Prayer, Elder Best leading. Benediction by Moderator.

The Association adjourned to meet at Shiloh, New Hanover county, Tuesday after 1st Lord's day in October, 1873.

HUGH MCALPIN, *Moderator.*

ISHAM ROYAL, Clerk.

List of Ordained Ministers.

G. W. HUFHAM, Warsaw,
A. GUY, "
W. M. KENNEDY, Magnolia,
J. N. STALLINGS, Kenansville,
H. MCALPIN, Clinton,
J. L. STEWART, "
J. C. HIDEN, Wilmington,
JOHN E. KING, "
JAS. M. KING, "
G. W. CAMP, Kinston,
J T. ALBRITTON, Mt. Olive.
J. R. OLIVER, "
H. P. BRINSON, Moore's Creek.
J. P. FAISON, Harrell's Store,
O. M. MATTHEWS, " "
A D. COHEN, La Grange.
LEVI THORNE, New-Berne.
G. S. BEST, Kenansville,
T. J. LEARY, Beaufort,
J. UTLEY, "
C. C. NEWTON, Herringsville,
B. G. COVINGTON,
J. D. HUFHAM, Warsaw.

TABLE OF CHURCHES, COUNTIES, PASTORS and CLERKS.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	PASTORS and P. OFFICES.	CLERKS and P. OFFICES.
WILMINGTON, 1st.	N. Hanover,	J. C. Hiden, Wilmington,	J. W. Collins,
WILMINGTON, 2nd.	"	J. B Barlow, Wilmington,	J. B. King,
MT. HOLLY,	"	W. W. Kennedy, Magnolia.	Isa. Carroll, South Washington,
MOORE'S CREEK,	"	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store,	John Moore, Point Caswell,
RILEY'S CREEK,	"	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store,	W. W. Larkins. Lillington.
SHILOH,	"	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store,	H. S. Averett, Moore's Creek,
LONG CREEK,	"	J. R Oliver, Mount Olive,	J. H, Brinson. Lillington,
MARSHALL'S M. H.	"	D. I. Ray, Bogue Sound,	I. H. Squires, Bogue Swamp,
MIDDLE SOUND,	"	J. M. King, Wilmington,	W. Taft, Wilmington,
WELL'S CHAPEL,	Sampson,	H. McAlpin, Clinton,	L. R. Highsmith, Harrell's store
BETHEL,	"	No Pastor,	M. H. Oates, Taylor's Bridge.
LISBON,	"	J. L. Stewart, Clinton,	R. Herring, Herringsville,
MT. GILEAD,	"	H. McA pin, Clinton,	J. J. Vann, Clinton,
NEW HOPE,	"	H. McAlpin, Clinton,	J. L. Carroll Six Runs.
BOYKIN'S CHAPEL	"	J. L. Stewart, Clinton.	O. Blackburn. Clinton,
BEULAH,	"	J. T. Albritton. Mount Olive,	A. M. Faison. Warsaw.
PINEY GROVE,	"	J. L. Srewart. Clinton,	J. C. Hobbs. Faison's.
ROWAN,	"	A. Guy, Warsaw,	H. J. Duncan, Clinton.
CLINTON,	"	H. McAlpin. Clinton,	C. P. Johnson. Clinton.
EBENEZER,	"	J. L. Stewart. Clinton,	R. Highsmith. Clinton,
BROWN'S,	"	H. S. Spivey, Clinton,	W. Royal, Clinton,
HAW BLUFF,	Bladen.	C. C. Newton, Herringsville,	O. M. Barnhill. Point Caswell.
FALLING CREEK,	Wayne,	None,	W. G. Britt, Goldsboro,
MOUNT OLIVE,	"	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia,	J. D. Roberts, Mount Olive.
BEAR MARSH,	Duplin,	J N. Stallings. Kenansville.	A. S. Davis. Mount Olive,
WARSAW,	"	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia,	I. Royal, Warsaw.
JOHNSON'S,	"	J. N. Stallings, Kenansville,	W. C. Carlton, Warsaw.
KENANSVILLE,	"	J. N. Stallings, Kenansville,	D. J. Middleton. Warsaw,
BEAVERDAM,	"	J. N. Stallings, Kenansville,	G. W. Carroll, Kenansville,
CONCORD,	"	G. S. Best, Kenansville	L. R. Matthews, Magnolia,
BEREA,	"	J. R. Oliver, Mount Olive,	G. F. Dempsey, Wallace,
ISLAND CREEK,	"	A. Guy, Warsaw,	H. T. Savage, Wallace.
HALLSVILLE,	"	B. G. Covington, Kenansville,	D. B. Brown, Hallsville,
CORINTH,	"	A. Guy, Warsaw,	I. J. Johnson, Rockfish.
CHINQUEPIN,	"	H. E. Foster, Wilmington,	J. D. Brown, Hallsville,
DOBSON'S CHAPEL,	"	A. Guy, Warsaw,	J. P. Tucker, Kenansville.
PINY GROVE,	Jones,	G. S. Best, Kenansville,	J. H. Whittey, Pollocksville.
TUCKAHOE,	"	None given,	F. Williams, Pink Hill.
TRENTON,	"	G. S. Best, Kenansville,	L H. Mallard, Trenton.
NEW BERNE,	Craven,	L. Thorne, New-Berne.	C. C. Clark, New-Berne.
FORT BARNWELL,	"	A. D. Cohen, La Grange,	J. W. Biddle, Cobton.
BEAUFORT,	Carteret,	A. D. Cohen, La Grange.	J. D. Davis. Beaufort.
SMYRNA,	"	T. J. Leary, Beaufort.	Isa. Davis, Beaufort.
WOODVILLE,	"	T. J. Leary, Beaufort,	David Arthur, Beaufort.
DAVIS' SHORE,	"	T. J. Leary, Beaufort,	R. L. Paul, Beaufort.
KINSTON,	Lenoir,	A. D. Cohen, La Grange,	P. Hardee. Kinston.
UNION,	"	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia,	W. E. Sutton Kinston.
WOODENTON,	"	E. A. Best, Richlands,	W. Grady, Kinston.
UNION CHAPEL,	Onslow,	G. S. Best, Kenansville,	M. D. Thomas, Catherine Lake.
PLEASANT HILL	"	None,	J. R. Marshall, Snead's Ferry.
ENON,	"	B. G. Covington, Kenansville,	L. Fonville, Jacksonville.
PINY GROVE,	"	B. G. Covington, Kenansville,	G. W. Smith, Swansboro.
JACKSONVILLE,	"	B. G. Covington, Kenansville,	

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	When Constituted.	Additions. By Baptism.	Additions. By Letter.	Additions. Restored.	Dimunitions. By Letter.	Dimunitions. Excluded.	Dimunitions. Deaths.	Males.	Females.	Total.	REGULAR MEETING.	Prayer Meeting.	Sabbath School Superintendents.	No. Teachers.	No. Pupils.	Vols. in Library.
Wilmington, 1st.		7	11	2	5	3		68	154	222	Twice ev'ySun.	Th'dy n'gt	B. A. Hallet,	22	159	400
Wilmington, 2nd.	1870	4	2	5	17	33	1	30	88	118	Sun. m'g. & n'gt.	Tues. n'gt				
Mt. Holly,	1833				5	2	2	31	70	101	First Sunday.		I. Carroll,	5	45	
Moore's Creek,			2		2	1	2	34	63	97	Fourth "		M. Moore,			
Riley's Creek,					5	3	1	32	52	84	Second "		W. W. Larkins,	6	12	
Marshall's M. H.,						1		31	31	62	Fourth "					
Shiloh,	1853		1			9		38	71	109	Third "					
Long Creek,	1871	9				2	1	28	46	74	First "	Weekly	Mrs. M. E. Herring	1	38	
Middle Sound,	1872							3	7	10	Second "		L. R. Mason,	4	17	50
Well's Chapel,		3	1		7		3	53	99	152	First "		L. R. Highsmith,	7	55	
Bethel,	1843		3			1		17	52	69	Fourth "					
Lisbon,		15	8					38	48	86	First "					
Mt. Gilead,		4		2				23	65	88	Fourth "					
New Hope,			3		2		2	45	86	131	Second "		C. H. Smith and F. M. Carroll,	10	50	
Boykin's Chapel,	1846		1	1	9	1	1	41	86	127	Fourth "					
Beulah,	1814		2		2			17	20	37	Fourth "		G. Clute,	5	56	
Piny Grove, Sampson,	1846	1			4		4	61	124	185	Second "		J. W. Lane,	5	20	
Rowan,	1759		4			3	3	31	69	100						
Clinton,	1855		4		2		2	17	32	49	Third "					
Ebenezer,	1867				2	2		20	21	44	Third "		R. Highsmith,	5	28	40
Brown's,		1	5					4	11	15	Fourth "		I. Ball & I. Shipp,	7	55	

Haw Bluff,	1859	3		2	3	1	2			81	Third Sunday.						
Falling Creek,					1			19	36	55	Second "		W. G. Britt,	7	50		
Mount Olive,	1869				2	1		23	41	64	Fourth "		Jesse T. Albritton	8	60	100	
Bear Marsh,	1763	1			7	7	4	43	106	149	Third "			4	46		
Warsaw,	1855	1	6		11	3	3	44	96	140	Third "	Occasional	I. Royal,	8	58	150	
Johnson's,			3		10	9	2	65	132	197	First "						
Kenansville,		11	1					28	44	77	Second "	Weekly	W. D, Carr,	5	40	150	
Beaverdam,		10	7	1	2	1	1	69	126	195	Fourth "						
Concord,	1825	14	7	1	3	1	3	36	80	116	First "		W. A. Moore,	6	40		
Berea,	1844		1		4			26	51	77	Second "						
Island Creek,	1803	10	4		2	1	3	31	72	103	First "						
Hallsville,	1807		1			2	4	35	80	115	Fourth "						
Corinth,	1850		1			2	1	21	39	60	Fourth "						
Chinquepin,	1860	6			1	2	3	5	37	42	Second "		Susan Oglesby,	4	25		
Dobson's Chapel,	1867	9	1					20	20	60	Third "						
Piny Grove, Jones,	1841	14	2				2	19	28	47	Third "						
Tuckahoe,	1870						3	16	16	32	Third "						
Trenton,								10	7	17	Third "						
New-Berne,		1	1		3	2	2	27	86	113	Twice ev'y Sun.	Weekly	C. C. Clark,	19	123		
Fort Barnwell,		1	2		1					27	Second "						
Beaufort.		11	4	2		2	1	15	35	50	Second "		W. Felton,	8	48		
Smyrna,		10	2	2	2	3		24	64	88	First "						
Woodville,		8	3					11	22	33	Fourth "	Weekly					
Davis' Shore,	1867	11	2	1		14		33	44	77	Third "		M, B. Davis,	15	80		
Kinston			6		1			16	16	32	Fourth "		E. F, Cox,	3	10		
Union,		1		1	2		1	5	24	29	Second "		W. E. Sutton,	9	46	120	
Woodenton,	1858		2				1	6	15	21	Fourth "		H. Edwards,	3	40		
Union Chapel,		9	4					19	59	78	Fourth "						
Pleasant Hill,						2		5	18	23	Third "	Irregular					
Enon,								6	16	21	First "						
Piny Grove,								5	8	13							
Jacksonville,		26	1		4					54							
		201	108	20	121	114	58	1322	2716	4196							

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the Eastern Association.

ART. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ART. 3. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates, who shall be members of that church.

ART. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter, certifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the state of the church, *provided*, however, that when any church has prepared a letter and through inadvertence the letter fails to be presented, her delegates may be received without its presentation.

ART. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen from among its members by ballot, by a majority of the members voting, and continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, and superintend their printing and distribution among the churches.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches or collected during the session of this body and disburse the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

ART. 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee, consisting of not less than five or more than seven members; which committee shall have the superintendence of Associational missions and Colportage. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge and during intervals between the meetings of this body, to receive and disburse funds for those objects, and to take such steps for their advancement as they shall deem advisable, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings.

ART. 10. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of her churches which neglect to preserve gospel order.

ART. 11. The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of the body except that of voting.

ART. 12. The annual session of this Association shall commence on Tuesday after the first Lord's day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

ART. 13. By appointment of the Association, there shall be an Introductory Sermon of a denominational character, and a Missionary Sermon.

ART. 14. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceeding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence, a chairman pro tem shall be elected.
2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises to be conducted by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.
3. At each daily session, and previous to proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous daily sessions read.
4. The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.
5. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.
6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.
7. All motions seconded, shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer before discussion.
8. No motion shall be withdrawn after its discussion.
9. When a question is under discussion, no motion or proposition shall be received, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.
10. After a motion is decided, any member having voted in the majority, may move a reconsideration.
11. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association, without permission of the presiding officer, and no one shall take final leave of absence without the permission of the Association, and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the minutes.
12. All questions except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.
13. The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to its consideration.
14. The Rules of order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a majority of votes.

Order of Business.

1. Reading Church letters and enrolling delegates.
2. Election of officers.
3. Call for Petitionary Letters.
4. Appointment of Committees.
5. Appointment of Corresponding Delegates.
6. Reports of Standing Committees.
7. Reports of other Committees.
8. Report of Trustees of Ministers' Relief Society.
9. Report of Treasurer.
10. Miscellaneous Business.
11. Incidental and routine motions shall be in order at any time.
12. Adjournment.

Rules of Decorum for the Churches.

1. We will hold at least four Conference meetings in the year for the transaction of business ; also special meetings whenever requisite.

2. The names of the members shall be called at every regular meeting, and there shall be due notice taken of the absence of those who evince a disposito absent themselves.

3. At every Conference, the Pastor, in his right of office, shall preside as Moderator ; and in case of his absence, the Conference shall appoint a Moderator pro tem, who shall open Conference by devotional exercises.

4. The Clerk shall keep a Church Book, in which all the proceedings of the Conference shall be faithfully transcribed, and at every regular meeting the minutes of the preceeding meeting shall be read immediately after the names are called.

5. An invitation shall be given to brethren of our faith and order to sit with us in Conference, who shall enjoy all the privileges of the meeting except that of voting.

6. Every subject for the consideration of the Conference shall be introduced by a motion, which, when seconded, shall be debated and acted upon, unless withdrawn by the mover.

7. Every speaker shall rise and address the Moderator by the appellation of brother, and shall confine his remarks to the subject under debate, and shall not be allowed to speak more than twice on one subject, except by permission of the Church.

8. No member shall withdraw from the Conference without the permission of the Moderator.

9. It shall be required that in matters of difference between members, before complaint is made to the Church, the aggrieved party shall have duly attended to the instructions of our Lord, Matt. 18th chapter, 16th, 17th and 18th verses, and public offences or such as operate against the peace of the Church, shall be the subject of discipline.

10. All questions submitted to the Conference shall be decided by a majority of votes, except receiving members to fellowship ; and any question may be reconsidered upon the motion of any who voted in the affimative.

11. The Moderator shall propound all questions for vote—shall keep the speakers to the subject under debate—may express his own views after others are done speaking, and see that these rules are faithfully observed.

12. These Rules of Decorum may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the whole Church.

Resolved, That this Association recommend the adoption of the foregoing rules to all the churches that comprise this body.

Erratum.—On page 6, in eighth line from bottom, for "pernicious" it should read *promiscuous*.—Printer.

Warsaw High School,

FOR MALE AND FEMALES.

THE Scholastic year is divided into two Sessions of twenty weeks each.—The Spring Session begins the third Monday in January—the Fall Session, the hird Monday in July.

Terms per Session of 20 Weeks:

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT,	$10
INTERMEDIATE,	15
ADVANCED COURSE,	20
MUSIC AND USE OF PIANO,	23
INCIDENTALS,	1

☞ BOARD, per week, [exclusive of washing and lights,] $2 50.

Half the expenses required in advance.

Isham Royal,

Principal.

Wake Forest College.

THE Exercises of Wake Forest College commence on the 15th day of September, and close on the 4th Thursday in June.

The Expenses for Board and tuition vary from $130 to $160 per annum. Pupils enter at any period of the session, and are charged from the time of entrance.

The Degrees conferred are Bachelor of Letters, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts.

The Courses of Study for these degrees have been devised with much care, and the catalogue of *Alumni* bears gratifying testimony to the soundness of the intellectual and moral training which has been hitherto attained.

For further information, address,

W. M. Wingate,

Forestville, N. C.

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Eld. JOHN N. STALLINGS, Moderator, Kenansville.
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

B. OLIVER, Chairman, Mt. Olive, N. C.
D. J. MIDDLETON, Sec. & Treas., Warsaw.

KEDAR VANN,	L. R. CARROLL,
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B. G. COVINGTON,		ROB'T HIGHSMITH,

A. W. CARLTON.

PROCEEDINGS.

SHILOH, New Hanover Co., Oct. 7, 1873.

The Eastern Association met according to adjournment.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. N. Stallings, from Matt. xviii:17: "Tell it to the Church." After an intermission of half an hour, the delegates assembled in the house. In the absence of Elder H. McAlpin, former Moderator, on motion of J. W. Lane, Elder J. N. Stallings was appointed Moderator, *pro tem.*, who read Psalm 93. Prayer was offered by Elder B. G. Covington.

A majority of the Churches being represented, proceeded to read the letters.

Brethren J. W. Lane and L. R. Carroll were appointed Assistant Clerks.

Brethren H. S. Averitt, B. Matthews and A. B. Alderman, were appointed Committee on Finance.

The letter from Haw Bluff was referred to Committee on Obituaries.

The letters from Brown's, Mt Olive, Warsaw and Island Creek, petitioning for next session, laid on the table.

The letters from Dobson's Chapel, Union Chapel, and Jacksonville, asking aid, referred to Executive Committee.

The following delegates were enrolled:

WILMINGTON, 1st.—A. Alderman, Joseph W. Taylor.
" 2d.—James B. Allen.
MT. HOLLY.—Laban Carroll, Isa Carroll, J. M. Anderson.
MOORE'S CREEK.—G. W. Woodcock, J. J. Cates, A. B. Alderman.
RILEY'S CREEK.—W. W. Larkins, A. B. Rooks, Joel Hines.
SHILOH.—D. J. Moore, D. P. Bland, H. S. Averett.
LONG CREEK.—A. Y. Dement, T. J. Locker, J. H. Brinson.
CANETUCK CHAPEL.—Andrew Moore, G. W. Corbett.
MIDDLE SOUND.—By letter.
BETHLEHEM.—B. F. Keith.
WELL'S CHAPEL.—L. Highsmith, Jac. Wells.
BETHEL.—J. Alderman, O. M. Matthews, Amos Alderman.
LISBON.—A. R. Herring, Lucien Herring.
MT. GILEAD,—B. Matthews, John Vann, D. B. Alderman.
NEW HOPE.—F. M. Carroll, A. E. Colwell, J. M. Blanchard.
BOYKIN'S CHAPEL.—J. W. Williamson.
BEULAH.—J. P. Faison.
PINEY GROVE, (Sampson.)—J. C. Hobbs, J. W. Lane.
ROWAN.—T. O. Kelly.

Clinton.—B. S. Peterson.
Ebenezer.—Kedar Vann, Robt Highsmith.
Brown's.—By Letter.
Canaan.—Letter.
Mt. Zion.—G. E. Keith, S. W. Prigen, D. M. Sikes.
Haw Bluff.—G. W. Russ, G. W. Harrell.
Falling Creek.—W. G. Britt, W. H. Hood, J. C. Smith.
Mt. Olive.—C. C. Taylor, O. Summerlin, G. Loftin.
Bear Marsh.—B. Oliver, D. K. Kornegay, R. Bennett.
Warsaw.—W. Boyett, I. Royal.
Johnson's.—W. M. Kennedy, G. S. Best, W. H. Best.
Kenansville.—J. N. Stallings, D. J. Middleton, J. W. Murray.
Beaverdam.—L. R. Carroll, J. H. Swinson.
Concord.—J. Wells Taylor, W. Brice.
Berea.—R. J. Johnston, J. D. Southerland.
Island Creek.—H. T. Savage, J. W. Hardy, W. A. Boney.
Hallsville.—Letter.
Corinth.—J. C. Williams. L. Peterson.
Dobson's Chapel.—O. D. Bostick.
Piney Grove, (Jones.)—T. L. Hancock.
Tuckahoe.—Letter.
Smyrna.—Letter.
Woodville.—Letter.
Davis' Shore.—Letter.
Kinston.—S. E. Loftin, J. M. Wooten.
Union.—W. E. Sutton.
Woodenton.—Letter.
Union Chapel.—Letter.
Jacksonville.—G. R. Ward.
Piney Grove, (Onslow.)—J. F. Holland.
Morehead City.—Letter.
Natmore, Prospect, Chinquepin, Trenton. Newbern, Fort Barnwell, Brice's Creek, Beaufort, Young Bethel, and Enon—Not represented.

After the enrollment of the delegates, the Association proceeded to the election of officers. Brethren D. K. Kornegay and Alfred Alderman were appointed to superintend the election of Moderator; Brethren F. F. Carroll and G. R. Ward, to superintend the election of Clerk; Brethren J. W. Taylor and J. H. Swinson, to superintend the election of Treasurer. Result:

Elder J. N. Stallings elected Moderator.

Isham Royal, re-elected Clerk.

Isaiah Carroll elected Treasurer.

On motion, Elder J. P. Faison and Brethren H. Marshburn, Thomas Bland, Laban Carroll and J. Wells Taylor were appointed a Committee on Religious Exercises.

Petitionary Letters called for. The Clerk presented a petitionary letter from the Church at Morehead City, and on motion the church was received as a member of this body.

Invitation extended to visitors. Elder J. J. McLendon from the church at Edenton was welcomed as a visitor.

The following committees were appointed:

To Nominate Executive Committee.—W. M. Kennedy, T. O. Kelly and Joseph Alderman.

To Nominate Trustees of Warsaw High School.—B. G. Covington, B. Matthews and K. Vann.

Spiritual Condition of the Churches.—H. S. Averett, Joseph W. Taylor, J. P. Faison.

Religious Publications.—W. M. Kennedy, O. M. Matthews, A. R. Herring.

Ministerial Support.—B. Oliver, J. W. Lane, L. R. Carroll.

Obituaries.—J. R. Oliver, G. T. Loftin, W. W. Larkins.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported the following: Prayer meeting at 9½ o'clock in the morning, to be conducted by Bro. H. M. Croom; Missionary Sermon at 11.

Preaching at 2 o'clock, by Elder J. J. McLendon.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by Deacon B. Oliver. Benediction by Elder McLendon.

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Wednesday, October 8th, 1873.

Prayer meeting conducted by Bro. William Bland. The Association called to order by Moderator.

Roll called and minutes read.

Invitation extended to visitors. Elder Durham reports himself from Goldsboro' Church and cordially welcomed.

On motion of Elder Kennedy, Elder Durham was requested to preach the Missionary Sermon, the appointee being absent.

Letters from Piney Grove, (Jones), Union and Kinston, were presented and read.

The following Committees were appointed:

Foreign Missions.—B. G. Covington, Laban Carroll, H. M. Croom.

Auditing Committee.—Alfred Alderman, J. C. Hobbs, F. M. Carroll.

Education.—J. J. McLendon, O. M. Matthews, G. S. Best.

To Nominate Delegates to Baptist State Convention.—G. S. Best, H. M. Croom, D. K. Kornegay.

To Nominate Ministers to Preach Stated Sermons, next Session.—John Vann, W. G. Britt, L. R. Carroll.

Temperance.—W. M. Kennedy, Isaiah Carroll, J. M. Wooten.

The following corresponding delegates were appointed to visit other Associations:

Cedar Creek.—B. G. Covington, H. McAlpin, Kedar Vann.

Cape Fear.—B. G. Covington, B. F. Keith.

The Executive Committee reported. On motion to adopt, remarks were made by Elder B. G. Covington.

Pending its adoption the Association adjourned to hear the Missionary Sermon. Elder Durham preached from John viii: 32. Collection $22.50.

INTERMISSION.

Upon reassembling, discussion of the report of the Executive Committee. Remarks by Elder Stallings, (Bro. Laban Carroll in the chair.) Elder Stallings resuming the chair, remarks were made by Deacon B. Oliver and Elders W. M. Kennedy, G. S. Best and J. P. Faison.

The list of Churches called and pledges made. (For pledges made by churches see Report on Finance.)

Individual pledges: G. S. Best, $25; J. N. Stallings, $25; B. Oliver, $10; J. M. Wooten, $10; Jessee Jackson, S. T. Crossland, Calvin Rous, Geo. R. Ward, Kedar Vann, each $5; Joseph W. Taylor, W. E. Sutton, each $5 paid; D. K. Kornegay, $5, 2.50 paid; J. C. Hobbs, $5 paid; D. J. Middleton, $5; J. Wells Taylor, $5; Joseph Alderman, $3; D. C. Boone, $2.50; Rufus Bennett, $2.50; A. E. Colwell, $2.50 paid; Wm. Bland, $2; A. B. Alderman, $2; D. J. Moore, D. P. Bland, B. F. Keith, Andrew Moore, I. B. Rooks, $1 each, paid; F. M. Carroll, $1; William Brice and Rob't J. Johnston $1 each, paid; H. E. Royal, $5; James T. Bland, $1; H. D. Marshburn, $5; Luther R. Highsmith, $2; H. A. Bland, $1; B. S. Peterson, $5; H. S. Fennell, $2; Celia A. Matthews, $1; B. H. Best, 40c. paid; J A. Gavin, $1; T. H. Kelly, $1; W. P. Kelly, $1; D. M. Page, $1; Miss Mary Matthews, $1; A. T. Robinson, $1, paid; Ira Herring, 81, Miss Hannah E. Matthews, $1; W. J. Bland, 50c; Miss Frank M. Hobbs, $1; G. A. Herring 1; J. C. Moore, 50c; W. J. Shaw, 50c. paid; L. M. Boykin, $1; H. M. Croom, $2; Mrs. H. M. Croom, $1; O. L. Stringfield, $1; L. F. Bland, $1 paid; J. P. Fisher, $1 paid; Miss Hattie Keth, $1; Miss Mary Lamb, $1; J. E. Fussell, $1; Cash, 25c; Miss Ellen Matthews, $1; Miss Belle Alderman, $1; Miss Cornelia Alderman, $1; Miss Mollie Williams, $1; Miss Sue S. Smith, $1; Mrs. Dollie J. Spearman, $1; Mrs. M. E. Andrews, $5; Mrs. Mary E. Alderman, $1 paid.

On motion, a collection was made to aid Executive Committee in paying debts due the missionaries. Amount collected $12.15.

The report of the Committee adopted, as follows:

REPORT:

Your Executive Committee beg leave to report as follows:

The action of your body at the last session in making liberal pledges, induced us to continue the work intrustad to us, as vigorously as heretofore done.

Elder Covington was continued in Onslow, aided by Bro. H. M. Croom, with a continuance of the results of the past year—forty-five having been baptized during the year. Two of the churches organized last year are now engaged in building comfortable houses of worship, and up the mouth of the river a number of baptized believers are waiting to be organized into a church, and the brethren are raising money to build. In this connection we desire to State that Bro. J. J. Edwards of the firm of Edwards & Hall, of Wilmington, has proposed to transport, free of charge, all the lumber that may be used in Onslow in building Baptist churches, and has already transported enough for two churches, worth some $150.

Bro. Best, and Bro. J. R. Oliver have preached in Onslow and Jones counties but without marked results, though with ordinarily encouraging results.

Brother Leary has preached, under the direction of your Committee, in Carterett county, and has baptized 14 while under our control.

Brother Guy preached at Brown's M. H., receiving an allowance from your Committee. At this place 10 have been baptized.

All the points are of very great importance, and your Committee, relying upon pledges made, felt they were authorized to carry on this work, and now your Committee are bound to report, that by reason of the failure of some churches and individuals to redeem their pledges, they are in debt, and cannot finish paying off and discharging their liabilities to our missionaries. Brethren this is our work—ought we to go backwards? Must we stop? All these points ought to be continued and others occupied. Shall we do it? We appeal to you to take steps to pay our present indebtedness, and to provide for future operations.

B. OLIVER, Chairman.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence reported. During the consideration of the report remarks were made by Brethren B. Oliver and H. S. Averett.

SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

Your Committee, appointed at the last session, on Systematic Beneficence, report, That in their opinion the Bible clearly teaches that all God's people should give as God prospers them, for the benefit of others and the glory of God's name among men. And the rule laid down is to lay aside on the first day of the week, for this purpose as God prospers them. If we are unable to strictly carry out this plan, by reason of not having weekly services, your Committee think, that it ought to be done by laying aside and contributing statedly as often as we assemble together, and that in proportion as God prospers us.

COMMITTEE.

On motion of Elder J. P. Faison, the Constitution was so amended as to increase the number of the Executive Committee.

Committee to nominate an Executive Committee reported the following, which was adopted:

The Committee to nominate an Executive Committee recommend the following: B. Oliver, D. J. Middleton, Kedar Vann, J. W. Lane, W. E. Sutton, L. R. Carroll, J. M. Wooten, G. A. Herring, D. K. Kornegay.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. KENNEDY,
T. O. KELLY,
JOSEPH ALDERMAN

Trustees of Warsaw High School reported. On a motion to adopt, remarks were made by Deacon B. Oliver.

Pending the consideration of the report, the Committee on Religious Exercises reported the following:

Prayer meeting at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning, to be conducted by Elder G. S. Best. Preaching at 11 by Elder B. G. Covington, and at 1 o'clock by Elder C. C. Newton.

On motion, adjourned. Prayer by Elder Covington. Benediction by Elder Kennedy.

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THURSDAY, October 9th, 1873.

Prayer meeting conducted by Elder G. S. Best.

Association called to order by the Moderator. Roll called. Proceedings of yesterday read.

Consideration of the report of Trustees of Warsaw High School resumed. Remarks by B. G. Covington, O. Alderman, I. Royal and G. S. Best. Report adopted, as follows:

WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL.

The Trustees of Warsaw High School respectfully report, that the school has been in successful operation during the entire year just ended. Bro. Isham Royal still continues at his post as Principal, and is assisted at present by Mrs. F. R. Underwood, an accomplished and efficient teacher, who has charge of the Music Department. The present number of pupils in school is fifty. We are pleased to learn from the Principal that he is making arrangements to repaint the house and otherwise improve the premises.

The report of the Principal of the School, made to the Board of Trustees, this year, is very encouraging indeed. We make the following extract from the report of the Principal:

"The School still continues to live. The present number of pupils is 50; the number during the scholastic year, 75. We think that the time has now come which demands an increased interest in *this school*, the School of the Eastern Association, *your school*. The country is becoming unusually interested on the subject of education, and we must not remain inactive, if we expect to keep pace with the times. We are now making arrangements to extend the course of instruction, also for increasing boarding facilities. Shall we have your aid and co-operation in this enterprise? Will you aid us by your influence and your words? Tuition is low—from $10 to $20 per session; board $2.50 per week. The present session closes the 19th of December; the next begins the 3d Monday of January, 1874."

We heartily recommend the School to the patronage of our people generally.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. KENNEDY, Pres. of Board.

The letters from Middle Sound, Clinton and 2nd Baptist Church, Wilnington were read. The Middle Sound referred to the Executive Committee.

Committee on Sabbath Schools reported. After remarks by H. S. Averett, J. J. McLendon, I. Royal, J. P. Faison and C. C. Newton, the report was adopted as follows:

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools submit the following: We have only six Sabbath Schools and one Bible class, reported from the Churches in our bounds, with 41 teachers and 415 pupils. If it be in accordance with Christianity and Scripture to have Sunday Schools, the churches of the Association are exceedingly remiss in discharging their duty. We feel that each church ought to have a Sunday School, and we think it would not be a failure, though it had only five pupils and taught only five months of the year. Children will be learning something, and the churches should see that they are taught about Jesus. Therefore keep them in the Sabbath School.

Respectfully submitted, COMMITTEE.

Committee on Education reported. Address by Elder Durham. Pending the consideration of the report, on motion of I. Royal, it was

Resolved, That a collection be made to aid in sustaining the beneficiaries at Wake Forest College, and churches and individuals be requested to make pledges of provisions, clothing and money for this object.

A committee was appointed to wait on the congregation. Collection $12.30.

The following churches pledged one box each: Johnson, New Hope, Riley's Creek, Kenansville, Mt. Holly, Ebenezer, Mt. Gilead, and Mt. Olive. Jacksonville and Piney Grove, (Onslow,) each one barrel mullets. O. Summerland and Isaiah Carroll each one barrel potatoes. Bethel, $5; Wm. Robinson, $1, paid. Report adopted, as follows:

EDUCATION.

Your Committee beg leave, in the first place, to call attention to the Warsaw High School of which Brother Isham Royal is Principal, and recommend it especially to the consideration of this Association as worthy of patronage.

Allow us, in the second place, to bring to your notice Wake Forest College, which affords good educational facilities, as deserving cordial support. This institution has been in operation nearly forty years. It has educated between 75 and 100 ministers, and the Board of Education has now under its direction ten beneficiaries, who are prosecuting their studies with a view to the ministry.

Your Committee regard an endowment as indispensable to the permanent prosperity of the College, and cherish the hope that they may soon see it established upon a firm basis.

We would also mention the C. B. F. Institute, located at Murfreesboro, the Raleigh Female Seminary and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, at Greenville, S. C.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. McLENDON
O. M. MATTHEWS,
G. S. BEST,
Committee.

Committee to nominate delegates to the Baptist State Convention, reported the following, which was adopted :

Elders J. C. Hiden, J. N. Stallings, B. G. Covington, O. M. Matthews, W. M. Kennedy, A. Guy, J. R. Oliver, H. McAlpin, Brethren B. Oliver, I. Royal, Joel Lofton, Joseph W. Taylor, A. M. Faison, J. M. Wooten, V. N. Seawell, and W. E. Sutton.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

Committee on Ministerial Support reported. Remarks by Elder C. Durham, Brethren H. S. Averett, J. B. Allen, Elder G. S. Best, and Moderator Stallings, (Elder Kennedy in the chair). Adopted, as follows :

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

The Committee to whom was assigned the duty of reporting on Ministerial Support, have been able to learn but little, from the Church Letters, about what the churches are doing. It is evident, however, from the sacred Scriptures, that they who preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel, and that it is the duty of all church members to contribute something for Ministerial Support. Paul while writing to the Corinthians on the subject says : "If we have sown unto you Spiritual things is it a great thing if we shall reap carnal things." Indeed the Scriptures seem to forbid more than to command one to preach at his own charges. "Who goeth at warfare at any time at his own charges ?" "Provide neither gold nor silver, nor brass in your purses. * * * for the workman is worthy of his meat." Matt. x:9, 10. The time has come when every man shall depend on his own exertions for support, and when "Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn."

Respectfully submitted.

B. OLIVER,
L. R. CARROLL,
J. W. LANE,
Committee.

Committee on obituaries reported. On motion, the report was recommitted to give the Committee more time to collect information relative to lives of deceased brethren. Report is as follows :

OBITUARIES.

Elder Hardy P. Brinson, of New Hanover county, died May 29th, 1873, He was born January 19, 1803; united with Moore's Creek church about 1830 ; was licensed to preach, March, 1842 ; and ordained to the ministry by Elders Geo. Fennell and James L. Warren, June 27th, 1846. He bore the character of an humble and devoted servant of the Lord. His labors were confined to a small circle, yet they were blessed. His education and means were limited, and in his latter years, ill health prevented his working much. He willingly suffered reproach for his Master's cause, and toiled without much earthly reward; feeling assured of abundant good in eternity. His bereaved family, neighbors and friends, will long miss his affectionate counsels, and earnest prayers. He seemed to be as "unknown, yet well known;" as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; and his faithful labors, and consistent walk so worthy of imitation, have left a sweet memory to be handed to future generations.

We are informed of the death of brother Charles B. Barnhill, of Haw Bluff Church, which occurred April 24th, 1873. He had been a Baptist about 22

years, and was a deacon the last 14 years. We can give no other information concerning him, than the above, extracted from the Haw Bluff letter.

We are informed also of the death of brother S. S. Prather, of Riley's Creek Church. for several years its clerk, and a worthy and an efficient member. No further information about him can be obtained.

Brother Samuel S. Biddle, of Fort Barnwell Church Craven county, has died during the past year. He was a son of Elder William P. Biddle, who was long a well-known minister of this Association. He professed religion in early life and was long a useful man. A well cultivated mind, a genial and liberal heart fitted him to adorn society as well as to command influence; while his once ample means enabled him to do much good. His reputation for piety, and his beneficence were not confined to this Association; for elsewhere, his means and influences were used in various good causes. Declining health and loss of property prevented his doing so much in later days; yet his earnest Christian character maintained its lustre, while his good example has left us a lesson; and we humbly trust that Jesus has taken him to an eternal home.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. OLIVER,
G. T. LOFTIN,
W. W. LARKINS,
Committee.

Committee on Periodicals reported. Pending the consideration of the report, Association adjourned 30 minutes.

Re-assembled. Report on Periodicals read again. Remarks by Elders Kennedy, Durham, Covington and McLendon, and Bro. H. S. Averett. Report adopted, as follows:

PERIODICALS.

Since the last session of this body the *Biblical Recorder* has passed out of the hands of its former editor, Bro. J. H. Mills, and has been purchased by Rev. A. F. Redd. a young man of rare accomplishments and of earnest piety, who has enlarged and greatly improved the paper. It is still published at Raleigh, N. C., at $2.50 per annum, or ten copies for $20. The *Recorder* should be read by every Baptist family within our bounds, and we earnestly recommend our ministers and brethren to make up clubs of ten or more subscribers in each church within the Association.

We also recommend to our Sabbath School teachers and people generally to aid in the circulation of *Kind Words* published by the Board of Domestic Missions of the Southern Baptist Convention at Marion, Ala.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. KENNEDY,
O. M. MATTHEWS,
A. R. HERRING,
Committee.

Rules suspended to locate the next session, and hear Elder J. J. McLendon, in the interest of the Church at Edenton.

Agreed to hold the next session of the Convention at Island Creek, Duplin county.

Elder McLendon presented the claims of the church at Edenton, and on motion, the Moderator appointed a committee to wait on the congregation. Amount collected, $9.95.

Committee on Spiritual Condition of the Churches reported as follows, which was adopted:

SPIRITUAL CONDITION OF THE CHURCHES.

To fear the Lord and keep his commandments, is the whole duty of man amazingly exemplified by the Son of God, who has declared "by their fruits ye shall know them." The letters being the best index we have we conclude that the churches are in a healthy condition, and we bless the Lord for the assurance we have that some are in a prosperous condition unprecedented in their past history. We discover, however, that in all our churches there are many more female than male members. This is a lamentable fact, from which we conclude that a spirit of worldlimindedness is absorbing the hearts of the male portion of our congregations. We beg leave, therefore, to ask our sisters for their earnest, united, agonizing prayers for the conversion of their fathers, husbands, brothers and sons, and for their growth in grace and advancement in spiritual life.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. AVERETT,
J. P. FAISON,
JOS. W. TAYLOR,
Committee.

The Committee on Temperance reported as follows, which was adopted:

TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee recommend that the Association withdraw fellowship from such of her churches as persistently retain in their fellowship drunkards and those engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors. See Article 10 of the Constitution.

Respectfull submitted,

W. M. KENNEDY,
ISA. CARROLL,
J. M. WOOTEN,
Committee.

The Committee to nominate ministers to preach stated sermons at next session, reported the following:

To Preach Introductory Sermon.—Elder J. L. Stewart. Alternate: Elder W. M. Kennedy.

To Preach Missionary Sermon.—Elder J. C. Hiden. Alternate: H. McAlpin.

The Treasurer of the Association submitted the following report:

J. L. Stewart, *Treasurer of Eastern Association, in acct. with same*, 1872–73:

To amount received from Finance Committee of last session,		$117 20
To amount received of Mt. Zion church, past year's pledge to Association Missions,		10 00
To amount received of Marshall's M. H., last year's pledge,		5 00
" " " " minute fund,		2 00
" " " " for Rome,		2 00
To amount received of Miss Lizzie Newton, for Rome,		1 00
" " Mrs. Milton Fennell, "		1 00
" " Miss E. Mathis, pledge to Associotion Missions,		1 00
" " Miss H. Mathis, " " "		1 00
		$140 20

CONTRA.

By amount paid Clerk, as per receipts,	$104 10	
By amount paid Treasurer Baptist State Convention,	15 20	
By cash to balance (herewith sent,)	21 00	
	$140 30	$140 30

We, the Auditing Committee, have examined the above report and find it correct.

A. ALDERMAN, Ch'm'n.

Committee to nominate Trustees of Warsaw High School reported. (See 2d page.)

President of the Board of Ministers Relief Society, allowed further time—and to report to Clerk.

Report subsequently submitted to the Clerk as follows:

REPORT OF MINISTER'S RELIEF FUND.

Our hopes of securing all, or the greater part of the Whitehead claim, are strengthened. We give below the Treasurer's report, showing the financial condition:

Whitehead claims,	$939 23
Interest,	169 05
Other claims,	214 18
Interest,	38 55
Received from former Treasurer, G. D. Ellis, $65.00 (amount secured from Savings Bank,)	65 00
Total,	$1,427 01

Respectfully submitted,

B. OLIVER, Pres.

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported. Pending its adoption, on motion of B. G. Covington, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That every church in the Association be requested to take up a public collection, during next January, for Foreign Missions.

The report on Foreign Missions was adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

It was a question, years ago, whether the work of missions was practicable or not. Public speakers went about over the country persuading the people that it was dangerous and presumptuous. When Carey asked the question, "Are we doing our duty for the conversion of the heathen?" Old Doctor Ryland replied, "Young man sit down, when God gets ready to convert the heathen He will do it without your help." This opinion prevailed for many years and nothing but actual experience could overcome it. But Carey went and preached to the heathen in India and God converted them; and Judson preached to those in Burmah and thousands of them are now organized into churches like those represented in this body. Many missionaries are now laboring successfully in almost every part of the world. There is now no doubt about this work being a success. The only question is, Are we doing what we can for the conversion of the heathen? Many churches are doing nothing at all for them, and others are doing very little. It is true that the great work of endowment is upon us, but we should be ready to aid in every good work. Our brethren are now preaching among the heathen; they are depending upon us for support. Will we show ourselves worthy of their confidence. We profess to love the cause of missions and the report of our love has gone abroad.

"Wherefore show ye to them and before the churches, the proof of your love and of our boasting on your behalf."

B. G. COVINGTON,
LABAN CARROLL,
H. M. CROOM,
Committee.

On motion of J. M. Wooten, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are hereby tendered the neighborhood of Shiloh Church for their self-sacrificing devotion to the cause of Christ, in their successful effort to take care of those that visited the Association. We pray God may reward them.

Finance Committee reported, which report was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	Foreign Missions.	Pledges.
Wilmington, 1st	$ 5 00	....	50 00
Wilmington, 2d	1 00	....	...
Mount Holly,	2 50	....	10 00
Moore's Creek,	2 00	5 00	15 00
Riley's Creek,	2 25	....	10 00
Shiloh	2 00	3 30	.....
Long Creek	1 23	....	5 00
Canetuck Chapel,	1 50	2 50	5 00
Bethlehem,	2 00	....	10 00
Wells' Chapel,	4 00	....	15 00
Bethel,	2 10	5 60	5 00
Lisbon	2 00	....	20 00
Mt. Gilead,	3 00	....	15 00
New Hope,	3 00	....	15 00
Boykin's Chapel,	3 00	....	10 00
Beulah,	3 00	....	15 00
Piney Grove, (Sampson,)	2 00	....	20 00
Rowan,	1 50	1 00	5 00
Clinton,	1 50	....	.....
Ebenezer,	1 00	....	12 00
Brown's M. H.,	1 50	....	.....
Canaan	1 00	....	.....
Mount Zion	1 00	5 00	10 00
Haw Bluff,	1 50	2 00	10 00
Falling Creek	1 50	....	5 00
Mount Olive,	2 00	4 50	20 00
Bear Marsh,	4 50	....	25 00
Warsaw,	2 50	....	10 00
Johnson's	3 20	....	20 00
Kenansville,	2 45	..	30 00
Beaverdam,	3 00	....	25 00
Concord,	2 25	....	10 00
Berea	1 90	...	.....
Island Creek,	2 15	....	10 00
Hallsville,	2 60	....	.....
Corinth,	1 80	....	10 00
Dobson's Chapel,	1 00	....	.....
Piney Grove, (Jones,)	2 00	....	10 00
Tuckahoe,	1 00	....	.....
Smyrna,	1 50	....	.....
Woodville,	1 00	...	.....
Davis's Shore,	1 50	....	.....
Kinston,	2 00	....	.....
Union	2 00	....	5 00

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.—(Continued.)

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	Foreign Missions.	Pledges.
Woodenton,.....	1 00	....	.....
Union Chapel,.....	1 35	....	.....
Jacksonville, ...	1 50	....	75 00
Piney Grove, (Onslow,).....	1 00	....	.....
Morehead City,.....	50	....	....
	$ 97 88	$ 28 90	$ 512 00

We have received for Minute Fund $97 25; for Foreign Missions $28 90: total pledged by Churches $512 00.

Respectfully submitted,
H. S. AVERITT,
B. MATTHEWS,
A. B. ALDERMAN,
Com. of Finance.

The Treasurer of the Association was directed to pay out all funds in his hands for the objects designated.

The Clerk was allowed $25 for his services, and ordered to expend the balance of the minute fund in printing and circulating the minutes.

The Treasurer of Executive Committee not being ready to report, was authorized to report to the Clerk of the Association, and Clerk to audit the same.

The business of the Association being finished, proceeded to adjourn.

Remarks by Moderator. Prayer by Elder C. C. Newton. Remarks by Elder W. M. Kennedy. Singing, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

Benediction. The Association adjourned to meet at Island Creek, Duplin county, Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1874.

JOHN N. STALLINGS,
MODERATOR.

ISHAM ROYAL, *Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

G. W. HUFHAM,.....Warsaw.
ALFRED GUY,..... "
W. M. KENNEDY,.....Magnolia.
J. N. STALLINGS,.....Kenansville.
G. S. BEST,..... "
H. McALPIN,..... .....Clinton.
J. L. STEWART,..... "
J. C. HIDEN,.....Wilmington.
J. B. BARLOW,..... "
J. M. KING,..... "
J. P. FAISON,.....Harrell's Store.
O. M. MATTHEWS,.Harrell's Store.
J. T. ALBRITTON,.....Mt. Olive.
J. R. OLIVER,..... "
T. J. LEARY,.....Beaufort.
J. UTLEY,.....Morehead City.
B. G. COVINGTON, ...Warsaw.
J. D. HUFHAM,..... "
C. C. NEWTON,.....Herringsville.
S. WESCOTT,.....Newbern.
E. A. BEST,.....Richlands.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

D. J. MIDDLETON, *Treasurer of Executive Committee, Dr.*

To b'l'nce on hand, Oct. 1872,	$14 59	Woodville,.....	3 00
Collection at Union,.....	30 50	Davies' Shore, ...	5 00
Rec'd from Clerk, min. fund,..	10 00	Young Bethel & H. Harrell,..	10 00
Well's Chapel,.....	20 00	Beaverdam,.....	15 00
Mt. Olive,.....	9 70	Island Creek,.....	7 15
Warsaw,.....	8 90	Concord, ...	10 00
Kinston,.....	10 00	Piney Grove, Onslow,.....	13 50
Riley's Creek,.....	10 80	Canaan,.....	2 00
Kenansville,.....	22 00	Collection at Johnson's,.....	8 30
Berea, ...	4 45	" Mt. Holly,.....	5 22
Long Creek,.....	5 04	Shiloh, ...	2 50
Bear Marsh, ...	29 00	Moore's Creek, ...	6 45
Piney Grove, Sampson,.....	15 71	Canetuck Chapel,.....	2 50
New Hope, ...	21 83	Bethlehem,.....	10 20
Mt. Gilead.....	19 90	Bethel,.....	5 10
Clinton,.....	3 10	Lisbon,.....	20 00
Ebenezer, ...	20 00	Boykin's Chapel,.....	20 00
Falling Creek,.....	7 59	Beulah, ...	10 00
Mt. Holly,.....	15 00	Rowan,.....	5 75
Haw Bluff,.....	5 00	Mt. Zion,.....	70
Johnson's,.....	25 00	Brown's,.....	3 10
Jacksonville,.....	41 55	Dobson's Chapel,.....	1 45
Hallsville, ...	8 16	Corinth,.....	10 00
Trenton, ...	15 37	Collection at Shiloh, Oct. '73,	22 10
Union Chapel, ...	23 10	Rec'd from former Treasurer,	17 00
Piney Grove, Jones,.....	29 50	Collection in house, Oct. 1873,	12 15
Enon,.....	5 00	Paid on Pledges made,.....	32 15
Brock's School House,.....	2 50		
Smyrna,.....	5 00		$ 698 61

REPORT OF TREASURER OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—*Continued.*

INDIVIDUAL PLEDGES.

J. Wells Taylor,	$ 10 00	D. J. Middleton,	5 00
J. M. Wooten,	25 00	B. S. Peterson,	5 00
Jesse Jackson,	10 00	Hrs. D. K. Kornegay,	1 00
Mrs. S. A. Parker,	1 00	O. Blackburn,	5 00
Mrs. E. Wooten,	5 00	Miss Sue Herring,	1 00
J. H. C. Huggins,	1 00	Mrs. M. D. Kennedy,	1 00
J. D. Sutton,	1 00	Miss Bevie Kennedy,	1 00
J. N. Stallings,	25 00	David S. Kennedy,	1 00
L. R. Carroll,	5 00	W. J. Lane,	3 50
W. R. Best,	5 00	W. E. Sutton,	5 00
W. J. Herring,	2 50		
Kedar Vann,	5 00		$ 209 50
S. T. Crossland,	5 00	Church pledges, &c.,	698 61
J. C. Hiden,	10 00		
J. D. Roberts,	1 00	Total received,	$ 908 11
B. G. Covington,	12 50		
J. T. Carroll,	5 00	Cr.	
W. J. Montford,	3 00	Paid A. Guy,	12 50
Miss Narcissa McDaniel,	2 00	" B. G. Covington,	358 33
O. Covington,	1 00	" G. S. Best,	291 67
W. A. Bishop,	2 00	" T. J. Leary,	133 33
Mr. Hartfield,	1 00	" H. M. Croom,	100 00
Miss Ann Best,	1 00	" J. R. Oliver,	11 67
G. S. Best,	25 00		
C. C. Newton,	5 00		$ 907 50
D. K. Kornegay,	5 00	Balance,	61
E. W. Farrior,	5 00		
J. D. Brown,	2 00	Total,	$ 908 11

There is about $175 yet due the missionaries, and only 61 cents in the Treasury.

D. J. MIDDLETON,
Treas. of Ex. Com.

I have examined the above account and found it correct.

ISHAM ROYAL, *Clerk.*

TABLE OF CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND POST OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	PASTORS AND P. O.	CLERKS & P. OFFICES.
Wilmington, 1st	N Hano'r	J. C. Hiden, Wilmington,..	J. W. Collins, Wilmington
Wilmington, 2d	"	J. B. Barlow, Wilmington..	J. P. King. "
Mt. Holly.....	"	W. M. Kennedy. Magnolia.	Isa. Carroll, So. Washg't'n
Moore's Creek,..	"	J. P. Faison, Harrells Store	J. Moore, Point Caswell ..
Riley's Creek,..	"	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia.	W. W. Larkins, Lillington
Shiloh.....	"	J. P Faison, Harrell's Store	H. S. Averitt, Moore's Ck.
Long Creek,....	"	J. R. Oliver, Mt. Olive,....	J. H. Brinson, Lillington.
Canetuck Chap'l	"	D. J. Ray, Bowze Swamp,..	W. J. Flinn Colvin's Cr'k.
Middle Sound,..	"	J. M. King, Wilmington,..	W. Taft, Wilmington.....
Bethlehem ...	'	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store	B. F. Keith, Pt. Caswell,..
Wells' Chapel, .	Sampson	J. R. Oliver, Mt. Olive,....	L. R. Highsmith. H. Store
Bethel, ...	"	No Pastor,.....	H. M. Oates, Tayl'r's B'dg
Lisbon,.....	"	J. L. Stewart, Clinton. ...	R. Herring, Herringsville
Mt. Gilead,....	"	No Pastor.....	J. J. Vann,.....
New Hope,.....	"	H. McAlpin, Clinton,.....	J. L. Carroll, Six Runs...
Boykin's Chapel	"	J. L. Stewart, "	O. Blackburn, Clinton,...
Beulah, ...	"	J. T. Albritton. Mt. Olive,.	L. R. Millard, Warsaw,..
Piney Grove,..	"	J. L. Stewart, Clinton, ...	J. W. Lane. Faison's.....
Rowan.....	"	A. Guy, Warsaw,.....	H. J. Duncan, Clinton....
Clinton,.....	"	J. D. Huf ham, Warsaw,...	C. P. Johnson, Clinton,..
Ebenezer,.....	"	J. L. Stewart, Clinton,....	R. Highsmith, W'rr'nsv'le,
Brown's, ...	"	A. Guy, Warsaw.....	W. Royal, Clinton,.....
Canaan, ...	"	J. T. Albritton, Mt. Olive,..	T. Underwood, N. Grove,
Mt. Zion,.....	Bladen,..	J. P. Faison. Harrell s Store	S. B. Andrews, B. R. Chp'l
Haw Bluff.....	"	C. T. Newton, Herringsv'lle	O. M. Barnhill, Pt. Casw'l
Falling Creek,..	Wayne,.	J. R. Oliver, Mt Olive,...	W. G. Britt, Goldsboro',..
Mt. Olive, ...	"	.....	C. C. Taylor, Mt. Olive,..
Bear Marsh, ...	Duplin,..	J. N. Stallings, Kenansville	J. F. Oliver, " ...
Warsaw,.....	"	B. G. Covington, Warsaw..	I. Royal, Warsaw,.....
Johnson's,.....	"	J. N. Stallings, Kenansville	W. C. Carlton, Warsaw...
Kenansville, ...	"	" "	D. J. Middleton, Warsaw,
Beaverdam,....	"	" "	G. W Carroll, Kenansv'le
Concord,.	"	No Pastor,.....	L. R. Matthews, Rose Hill
Berea, ...	"	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia,	G. F. Dempsey, Wallace,.
Island Creek,..	"	A. Guy, Warsaw.....	H. T. Savage, Wallace....
Hallsville,.....	"	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia,	D. B. Brown, Hallsville..
Corinth, ...	"	A. Guy, Warsaw,.....	I. J. Johnson, Rockfish...
Dobson's Chap'l	"	No Pastor,.....	J. P. Tucker, Kenansville.
Piney Grove,..	Jones, ..	J. R. Oliver, Mt. Olive,....	J. R. Barder, Pollocksville
Tuckahoe,.....	"	E. A. Best, Richlands, ...	F. Williams, Pink Hill,..
Smyrna,.....	Carteret,	T. J. Leary, Beaufort,.....	I. Davis, Beaufort,.....
Woodville,.....	"	" "	D. Arthur, " .....
Davis's Shore,.	"	" "	R. Paul, " .....
Kinston,.....	Lenoir,..	W. B. Harrell, Clayton,...	J. A. Pollock, Kinston, ..
Union,.....	"	B. G. Covington, Warsaw,.	W. E. Sutton. "
Woodington, ..	"	E. A. Best, Richlands,.....	W. Grady, Kinston, ...
Union Chapel, .	Onslow,.	No Pastor,.....	M. D. Thomas, Kath. Lake
Jacksonville, ..	"	B. G. Covington, Warsaw,.	S. Clentz, Onslow C. H..
Morehead City.	Carteret,.	J. Utley, Morehead City...	.. ..

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	When Constituted.	Additions.				Dimin'tions			Membership.				Time of Meeting.	Prayer Meeting.	Sabbath School Super'ntend'nts.	Teachers.	Pupils.	Volumes in Library.
		Baptized.	Letter.	Experience	Restoration.	Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	White Males.	White Females.	Colored.	Total.						
1 Wilmington, 1st,	....	22	21	..	5	5	6	..	76	193	..	269	2 times S'd'y,	Thurs night.	E. W. Manning,	16	205	400
2 Wilmington, 2d,	1870	....	1	..	..	7	9	1	25	77	..	102	" "	Tuesday "	.....	..	..	....
3 Mt. Holly,	....	18	1	..	1	3	..	..	39	79	6	124	1st Sun & Sat	.....	Isaiah Carroll,	5	40	....
4 Moore's Creek,	.....	....	2	..	..	5	2	2	32	62	..	94	4th Sunday,	.....	H. M. Lewis,	3	30	....
5 Riley's Creek,	....	..	..	..	..	3	2	2	30	48	..	78	3rd "	.....	.....	..	..	....
6 Shiloh,	1853	...	..	..	..	....	1	1	57	70	..	107	3rd "	.....	.....	..	..	....
7 Long Creek,	1871	....	1	..	..	....	2	..	27	46	..	73	1st "	.....	Mrs. M. A. Herring,	2	25	....
8 Canetuck Chapel,	...	2	4	..	..	3	..	1	31	32	..	63	4th "	.....	.....	..	..	....
9 Middle Sound,	1872	....	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	6	..	8	2d "	.....	.....	..	..	....
10 Bethlehem,	....	16	..	..	2	....	..	1	28	74	..	102	2d "	.....	.....	..	..	....
11 Wells' Chapel,	....	2	5	..	..	1	5	4	48	102	..	150	2d "	.....	.....	..	..	....
12 Bethel	1843	8	..	..	..	7	1	..	19	49	..	68	4th "	.....	.....	..	..	....
13 Lisbon	....	...	..	..	..	...	..	..	38	47	..	85	1st "	.....	.....	..	..	....
14 Mt. Gilead,	....	....	5	..	..	...	..	2	23	68	..	91	4th "	.....	.....	..	..	....
15 New Hope,	....	....	1	..	..	4	..	4	44	80	..	124	1st and 3rd,	.....	.....	..	..	....
16 Boykin's Chapel,	1846	....	2	..	1	10	1	..	39	80	..	119	4th Sunday,	.....	.....	..	..	....
17 Beulah,	1814	1	..	..	..	....	..	1	16	29	..	45	4th "	.....	.....	..	..	....
18 Piney Grove, (Sampson,)	1846	....	1	..	..	1	..	2	59	121	..	180	2d "	.....	.....	..	..	....
19 Rowan,	1759	3	..	1	..	....	4	2	30	69	..	99	2d "	.....	.....	..	..	....
20 Clinton,	1855	....	..	..	..	....	..	..	13	32	..	45	3rd "	.....	.....	..	..	....
21 Ebenezer,	1867	....	..	..	..	1	1	..	19	23	..	42	3rd "	.....	.....	..	..	....
22 Brown's M. H.,	....	10	6	..	..	....	..	..	10	23	..	33	3rd "	1st Sunday,	.....	..	..	....
23 Canaan,	....	5	..	..	..	3	..	1	4	12	5	21	.....	.....	.....	..	..	....
24 Mt. Zion,	....	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	11	15	2	28	1st Sunday,	.....	.....	..	..	....
25 Haw Bluff	1859	....	..	..	..	....	4	1	28	48	1	77	3rd "	.....	.....	..	..	....

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		Baptized.	Letter.	Experience	Restoration.	Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	White Males.	White Females.	Colored.	Total.						
26 Natmore Creek,	....	....	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	..	..	....
27 Falling Creek,	....	2	..	..	..	1	2	1	16	37	..	53	4th Sunday,	....	W. G. Britt,	7	63	75
28 Mt. Olive,	1869	....	..	..	..	3	1	..	23	41	..	64	4th "	....	....	..	..	....
29 Bear Marsh,	1763	....	..	..	..	1	4	..	37	86	20	143	3rd "	....	....	..	..	....
30 Warsaw,	1855	4	1	..	..	7	2	1	42	93	1	136	3rd "	Occasional,	Isham Royal,	8	50	225
31 Johnson,	....	9	4	..	1	5	3	1	59	129	..	188	1st "	....	....	..	..	....
32 Kenansville,	....	9	3	..	..	1	..	..	31	52	..	83	2d "	....	....	..	..	....
33 Beaverdam,	....	....	..	..	..	8	2	2	63	117	..	180	4th "	....	....	..	..	....
34 Concord,	1825	6	..	..	..	2	..	3	31	56	31	118	1st "	....	....	..	..	....
35 Berea,	1844	....	..	..	1	11	2	2	20	41	..	61	2d "	....	....	..	..	....
36 Island Creek,	1803	11	16	..	..	3	1	2	40	81	..	121	1st "	....	....	..	..	....
37 Hallsville,	1807	....	..	..	1	....	3	..	33	77	..	110	4th "	....	....	..	..	....
38 Corinth,	1850	15	2	..	1	3	1	1	29	44	..	73	4th "	....	....	..	..	....
39 Prospect,	....	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	..	..	....
40 Chinquepin,	1860	....	..	..	..	....	..	..	5	37	..	42	....	....	....	..	..	....
41 Dobson's Chapel,	1867	....	..	..	..	2	..	4	15	42	..	57	3rd Sunday,	....	....	..	..	....
42 Piney Grove, (Jones.)	1841	....	..	..	..	2	..	2	17	26	..	43	3rd "	....	....	..	..	....
43 Tuckahoe,	1865	....	..	..	..	1	5	3	15	15	..	30	3rd "	....	....	..	..	....
44 Trenton	1870	....	..	..	..	....	..	..	10	7	..	17	....	....	....	..	..	....
45 Newberne,	....	....	..	..	..	....	..	..	27	86	..	113	....	....	....	..	..	....
46 Fort Barnwell,	....	....	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	27	....	....	....	..	..	....
47 Brice's Creek,	....	....	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	..	..	....
48 *Beaufort,	....	....	..	..	..	....	..	..	15	35	..	50	....	....	....	..	..	....
49 Smyrna,	....	3	..	..	..	....	2	..	25	64	..	89	1st "	....	....	..	..	....
50 Woodville,	....	2	..	..	1	....	1	..	12	23	..	35	4th "	....	....	..	..	....

51 Davis' Shore,	1867	9	2	..	..	...	3	..	34	51	..	85	3rd "	.....	.....	..	..	....
52 *Young Bethel,	1867	....	..	..	..	....	..	..	20	26	..	46	.....	.....	.....	..	..	....
53 Kinston,	....	....	1	..	..	....	1	2	12	18	..	30	1st and 3rd,	Thurs. night.	E. F. Cox,	5	15	....
54 Union,	....	.....	..	1	..	1	..	..	5	23	..	28	2d Sunday,	.....	W. E. Sutton,	3	32	120
55 Woodenton,	1858	1	3	..	..	1	1	1	6	18	..	24	4th "	.....	.....	..	..	....
56 Union Chapel,	....	....	..	..	..	3	..	1	15	55	..	70	4th "	.....	.....	..	..	....
57 Jacksonville,	....	12	..	..	..	....	1	2	23	41	..	64	3rd "	.....	.....	..	..	....
58 *Pleasant Hill,	....	....	..	..	..	....	..	..	5	18	..	23	.....	.....	.....	..	..	....
59 *Enon,	....	....	..	..	..	....	..	..	6	16	..	22	.....	.....	.....	..	..	....
60 *Piney Grove, (Onslow,)	....	....	..	..	..	....	..	..	5	8	..	13	.....	.....	.....	..	..	....
61 Morehead City,	....	....	..	..	..	....	..	..	.....	.....	..	9	.....	.....	.....	..	..	....
		180	52	2	14	110	73	53	1,424	2,976	66	4,474						

*Taken from minutes of last year.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Article 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the Eastern Association.

Art. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

Art. 3. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates, who shall be members of that church.

Art. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter, certifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the state of the church, Provided, however, that when any church has prepared a letter and through inadvertence the letter fails to be presented, her delegates may be received without its presentation.

Art. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen from among its members by ballot, by a majority of the members voting, and continue in office until their successors are elected.

Art. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session and superintend their printing and distribution among the churches.

Art. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

Art. 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee consisting of not less than seven or more than nine members, which committee shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and Colportage. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and during intervals between the meetings of this body to receive and disburse funds for those objects and to take such steps for their advancement as they shall deem advisable, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings.

Art. 10. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of her churches which neglect to preserve gospel order.

Art. 11. The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of the body except that of voting.

Art. 12. The annual session of this Association shall commence on Tuesday after the first Lord's day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

Art. 13. By appointment of the Association, there shall be an Introductory Sermon of a denominational character and a Missionary Sermon.

Art. 14. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence, a chairman, *pro tem.*, shall be elected.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.

3. At each daily session, and previous to proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous daily sessions read.

4. The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak shall arise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.

7. All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer before discussion.

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after its discussion.

9. When a question is under discussion, no motion or proposition shall be received, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

10. After a motion is decided, any member having voted in the majority, may move a reconsideration.

11. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association, without permission of the presiding officer, and no one shall take final leave of absence without the permission of the Association, and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the minutes.

12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13. The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to its consideration.

14. The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a majority of votes.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading Church Letters and enrolling delegates.
2. Election of Officers.
3. Call for Petitionary Letters.
4. Appointment of Committees.
5. Appointment of Corresponding Delegates.
6. Reports of Standing Committees.
7. Reports of other Committees.
8. Report of Trustees of Ministers' Relief Society.
9. Report of Treasurer.
10. Miscellaneous Business.
11. Incidental and routine motions shall be in order at any time.
12. Adjournment.

Rules of Decorum for the Churches.

1. We will hold at least four Conference meetings in the year for the transaction of business; also special meetings whenever requisite.

2. The names of the members shall be called at every regular meeting, and there shall be due notice taken of the absence of those who discover a disposition to absent themselves.

3. At every Conference, the pastor, in his right of office, shall preside as Moderator; and in case of his absence, the Conference shall appoint a Moderator *pro tem.*, who shall open Conference by devotional exercises.

4. The Clerk shall keep a church book, in which all the proceedings of the Conference shall be faithfully transcribed, and at every regular meeting the minutes of the preceding meeting shall be read immediately after the names are called.

5. An invitation shall be given to brethren of our faith and order to sit with us in Conference, who shall enjoy all the privileges of the meeting except that of voting.

6. Every subject for the consideration of the Conference shall be introduced by a motion, which, when seconded, shall be debated and acted upon, unless withdrawn by the mover.

7. Every speaker shall rise and address the Moderator by the appellation of brother, and shall confine his remarks to the subject under debate, and shall not be allowed to speak more than twice on one subject unless by permission of the Church.

8. No member shall withdraw from the Conference without the permission of the Moderator.

9. It shall be required that in matters of difference between members, before complaint is made to the Church, the aggrieved party shall have duly attended to the instructions of the Lord, Matt. 18th chapter, 16th, 17th and 18th verses, and public offences or such as operate against the peace of the church, shall be the subject of discipline.

10. All questions submitted to the Conference shall be decided by a majority of votes, except receiving members to fellowship: and any question may be reconsidered upon the motion of any who may vote in the affirmative.

11. The Moderator shall propound all questions for vote—shall keep the speakers to the subject under debate—may express his own views, after others are done speaking, and see that these rules are faithfully observed.

12. These Rules of Decorum may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the whole church.

Resolved, That this Association recommend the adoption of the foregoing rules to all the churches that comprise this body.

R12 Donated by C. H. Tilley

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B. OLIVER,	KEDAR VANN,	J. L. CARLTON,
A. M. FAISON,	I. BROWN,	D. J. MIDDLETON,
ELD. W. M. KENNEDY,	G. A. HERRING,	N. R. BELL,
S. M. CARLTON,	J. WELLS TAYLOR,	J. A. HOLLAND,
J. M. WOOTEN,	J. D. CARROLL,	E. W. WARD,
A. B. ALDERMAN,	ELD. G. S. BEST,	J. K. WILLIAMS,
ELD. J. P. FAISON,	ELD. J. L. STEWART,	ROBT. HIGHSMITH,
ELD. A. GUY,	A. W. CARLTON,	G. W. MARSH.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

G. W. HUFHAM, Warsaw.
ALFRED GUY, Warsaw.
W. M. KENNEDY, Magnolia.
J. N. STALLINGS, Kenansville.
G. S. BEST, Kenansville.
H. McALPIN, Clinton.
J. L. STEWART, Clinton.
O. M. MATTHEWS, Clinton.
J. C. HIDEN, Wilmington.
J. B. BARLOW, Wilmington.
J. M. KING, Wilmington.
J. P. FAISON, Harrell's Store.
J. T. ALBRITTON, Mt. Olive.
J. R. OLIER, Mt. Olive.
T. J. LEARY, Beaufort.
J. UTLEY, Morehead City.
C. C. NEWTON, Herringsville.
S. W. WESCOTT, Newbern.
E. A. BEST, Richlands.
W. B. HARRELL, Clayton.

PROCEEDINGS.

ISLAND CREEK, DUPLIN CO., Oct. 6th, 1874.

The Eastern Association met according to adjournment.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder S. W. Wescott, from John xiii:34-35: "A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples if ye have love one to another."

After an intermission of half an hour, the Association was called to order by the Moderator, Elder J. N. Stallings, who read Psalm 122.

Prayer by Elder G. S. Jones.

The list of Churches were called, and a majority being represented, proceeded to read the letters.

The Moderator announced that Elder W. B. Harrell will preach at the stand.

Brethren J. M. Wooten, B. Matthews and V. N. Seawell appointed a Committee of Finance.

Brethren L. R. Carroll and J. W. Lane appointed Assistant Clerks.

The letters from Brown's, Bethel and Beaufort, petitioning for next session, laid on the table.

The letters from Dodson's Chapel, Berea and Union, asking for aid, referred to the Executive Committee.

The following delegates were enrolled:

1. *Wilmington, 1st.*—B. F. Mitchell, W. A. French, Jos. W. Taylor.
2. *Wilmington, 2nd.*—J. M. King.
3. *Mt. Holly.*—L. Carroll, Isa Carroll, V. N. Seawell.
4. *Moore's Creek.*—A. B. Alderman, H. M. Croom, G. W. Woodcock.
5. *Riley's Creek.*—W. W. Larkins, W. S. Hines.
6. *Shiloh.*—G. A. Herring, O. L. Stringfield, D. C. Moore.
7. *Long Creek.*—J. R. Pigford, H. D. Moore.
8. *Canetuck Chapel.*—Franklin Flinn.
9. *Middle Sound.*—Not represented.
10. *Bethlehem.*—B. F. Keith.
11. *Wells' Chapel.*—L. R. Highsmith, S. J. Faison, L. K. Taylor.
12. *Bethel.*—M. H. Oates, Joseph Alderman.
13. *Lisbon.*—C. C. Newton, A. R. Herring.

14. *Mt. Gilead.*—B. Matthews, L. A. Powell.
15. *New Hope.*—C. T. Carroll, C. H. Smith, G. W. Carroll.
16. *Boykins Chapel.*—H. McAlpin, M. C. Peterson, G. R. Boykin.
17. *Beulah.*—Not represented.
18. *Piney Grove*, (Sampson.)—W. J. Lane, J. W. Lane.
19. *Rowan.*—T. O. Kelly, F. Duncan.
20. *Clinton.*—A. R. Peterson.
21. *Ebenezer.*—Geo. Highsmith, R. Vann, L. J. Richie.
22. *Brown's.*—By letter.
23. *Caravan.*—Not represented.
24. *Mt. Zion.*—Not represented.
25. *Haw Bluff.*—A. J. Barnhill, J. F. Croom.
26. *Natmore Creek.*—Not represented.
27. *Falling Creek.*—W. B. Hood, M. E. Britt.
28. *Mt. Olive.*—J. E. Gadsby.
29. *Bear Marsh.*—J. H. Loftin, B. F. Kornegay, R. Bennett.
30. *Warsaw.*—A. Guy, L. Royal, F. Boyett.
31. *Johnson's.*—W. M. Kennedy, D. C. Middleton, W. H. Best.
32. *Kenansville.*—J. N. Stallings, D. J. Middleton, F. M. Southerland.
33. *Magnolia.*—J. D. Carroll, L. R. Carroll.
34. *Concord.*—W. Brice, J. W. Wells, J. W. Taylor.
35. *Berea.*—W. Teachy, G. F. Dempsey.
36. *Island Creek.*—H. T. Savage, J. Savage, A. B. Mallard.
37. *Hallsville.*—E. W. Farrier, J. D. Brown.
38. *Corinth.*—Lewis Peterson.
39. *Dobson's Chapel.*—O. D. Bostick, G. S. Best.
40. *Chinquepin.*—B. Parker, J. W. Cavenaugh, H. N. Wilkins.
41. *Prospect.*—Not represented.
42. *Piney Grove*, (Jones.)—F. S. Becton, A. Bell.
43. *Tuckahoe.*—Not represented.
44. *Trenton.*—Not represented.
45. *Union Chapel.*—W. P. Kelly.
46. *Jacksonville.*—T. J. Jarman, W. H. Ramsey.
47. *Piney Grove*, (Onslow.)—J. F. Holland, C. E. Holland.
48. *Enon.*—No delegate.
49. *Pleasant Hill.*—No delegate.
50. *Smyrna.*—No delegate.
51. *Woodville.*—No delegate.
52. *Davis' Shore.*—No delegate.
53. *Beaufort.*—By letter.
54. *Young Bethel.*—No delegate.
55. *Newbern.*—S. W. Wescott.
56. *Fort Barnwell.*—By letter.
57. *Brice's Creek.*—Not represented.
58. *Kinston.*—Jesse Jackson, S. E. Loftin, J. M. Wooten.
59. *Union.*—By letter.
60. *Woodenton.*—Not represented.
61. *Morehead City.*—By letter.
62. *Goldsboro'.*—C. Durham, C. J. Nelson.

On motion, proceeded to the election of officers.

The Moderator appointed G. W. Taylor and A. B. Alderman to superintend the election of Moderator; A. R. Herring and F. M. Southerland to superintend the election of Clerk; L. R. Highsmith and V. W. Farrior to superintend the election of Treasurer.

Result: The old officers re-elected, viz: Elder J. N. Stallings, Moderator; I. Royal, Clerk; and Isa Carroll, Treasurer.

Petitioning letters called for.

The Church at Goldsboro' petitioned to be admitted as a member of this Association. Received and right hand of fellowship extended to the delegates.

On motion of I. Royal, visitors were invited to participate in proceedings.

The following brethren reported themselves: Rev. A. F. Redd, Editor of the *Biblical Recorder*; Elder W. B. Harrell, of Clayton, Pastor of Kinston Church; Elder F. H. Ivey, Agent for endowment of Wake Forest College; Elder G. S. Jones, from Salem Association, Sunday School Agent.

On motion, appointed the following Committees:

Religious Exercises.—Elder A. Guy, the Deacons of Island Creek Church, and brethren L. R. Carroll, S. J. Faison, J. D. Carroll.

To Nominate Executive Committee.—Elder H. McAlpin, J. W. Taylor, J. D. Carroll.

To Nominate Trustees of Warsaw High School.—Elders C. C. Newton, J. D. Brown, L. R. Carroll.

Spiritual Condition of the Churches.—Elder S. W. Wescott, B. F. Mitchell, L. Carroll.

Religious Publications.—Elders H. McAlpin, W. M. Kennedy, C. J. Nelson.

Obituaries.—Elder W. M. Kennedy, brethren S. J. Faison, W. W. Larkins.

Foreign Missions.—Elders J. C. Hiden, A. F. Redd, and brother W. A. French.

Auditing Committee.—Brethren B. F. Mitchell, A. B. Alderman, B. F. Keith.

Education.—Elders F. H. Ivey, C. Durham, S. W. Wescott.

To Nominate Delegates to Baptist State Convention.—Brethren S. J. Faison, E. W. Farrier, M. H. Oates.

To Nominate Ministers to Preach Stated Sermons.—Brethren L. A. Powell, G. A. Herring, J. Alderman.

Temperance.—Elders W. B. Harrell, C. Durham, C. J. Nelson.

Sabbath Schools.—Elder G. S. Jones, and brethren J. W. Lane, B. Matthews.

Committee on Religious Exercises reported the following:

Prayer meeting at 9½ o'clock to-morrow morning, to be conducted by Elder C. J. Nelson. Missionary sermon at 11 o'clock by Elder J. C. Hiden; 2 o'clock, preaching by Dr. Wingate.

Adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Prayer by Elder A. F. Redd. Benediction by Rev. F. H. Ivey.

ISLAND CREEK, Wednesday, Oct. 7th, 1874.

Prayer meeting conducted by Rev. C. J. Nelson.

Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Roll called. Minutes read.

Dr. W. M. Wingate, President of Wake Forest College, accepts an invitation to visitors.

On motion of Elder W. M. Kennedy, the rules were suspended to offer an amendment to the Constitution.

Elder W. M. Kennedy moved to change the ninth Article of the Constitution, so as to make the number of the Executive Committee definitely seven.

Remarks by Elders C. Durham, J. P. Faison, W. M. Kennedy, C. C. Newton, Brethren B. Olive and S. J. Faison.

Adopted.

Adjourned to hear the Missionary Sermon by Elder J. C. Hiden, who preached from Zeck. ix:10: "Who hath despised the day of small things?"

Collection, $23.80.

Re-assembled.

Letter from Berea read.

On motion of Elder W. M. Kennedy, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to report at next session on the propriety of abolishing the Board of the Executive Committee, and co-operating fully with the Board of the Baptist State Convention.

Committee: Elders W. M. Kennedy, C. Durham and C. C. Newton.

On motion of Elder J. C. Hiden, any member of this Association who may be present at the session of any of the bodies with which we correspond, to be considered delegates to said bodies.

On motion of Elder H. McAlpin:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to write a report on Ministerial Support, and present it at our next session, for the consideration of this body.

Committee: Elders J. C. Hiden, H. McAlpin and Brother S. J. Faison.

The Executive Committee reported.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by Brother B. Oliver, Chairman of the Executive Committee.

List of Churches called and the following pledges made: Wilmington, 1st, $50; Mt. Holly, $10; Moore's Creek, $10; Riley's Creek, $10; Shiloh, $5; Long Creek, $5; Canetuck Chapel, $5; Bethlehem, $10; Well's Chapel, $15; Bethel $5: Lisbon, $20; Mt. Gilead, $15; New Hope, $15; Boykin's Chapel, $10; Piney Grove, (Sampson,) $20; Ebenezer, $12; Haw Bluff, $10; Falling Creek, $9; Mt. Olive, $13; Johnson, $20; Magnolia, $5; Concord, $5; Hallsville, $5; Corinth, $5; Union Chapel, $5; Jacksonville, $50; Piney Grove, (Onslow,) $75.

Individual pledges: J. P. Faison, $5; J. M. Wooten, $10; B. Oliver, $10; Jesse Jackson, $10.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Last year your committee had six men employed for a part of their time; this year we have had only one, Bro. H. M. Croom. At the last session of your body, we found ourselves in debt to the amount of about $175. At that meeting about $700 were pledged, but your committee did not think it safe to employ other men till these pledges were paid. They have not all been paid, and we could not employ other laborers. We have worked to the extent of our funds.

Bro. Croom, we think, has done a good work in Onslow and Jones counties. He has preached sixty sermons, and held other religious meetings. Nineteen have been added to the church at Jacksonville, five at Half Moon, and one at Enon. The congregations are large and the interest increasing at all the preaching stations.

Your committee think that this work ought to be prosecuted with increased vigor, and to this end, the amount of money given by the churches must be larger. We think to give up the work now would be to lose that which we have already done. A few more years and these churches will, we think, be self-sustaining. We insist that the churches pay their pledges quarterly. This is very important to the success of this great work.

Respectfully submitted,

B. OLIVER, *Chm'n.*

Committee on Obituaries reported. Adopted:

Your committee report with feelings of profound gratitude to our Heavenly Father, that no prominent member of our body has died during the past year. We earnestly pray that this mercy may be sanctified to the good of us all.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. KENNEDY, *Chm'n.*

Committee to Nominate Trustees of Warsaw High School reported. Adopted. (See 2nd page.)

Committee on Education reported.

It was moved to adopt.

Remarks by Elder F. H. Ivey, Dr. W. M. Wingate, Elders J. C. Hiden and W. M. Kennedy.

Report laid on the table until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

Committee to Nominate the Executive Committee reported the following: B. Oliver, D. J. Middleton, Kedar Vann, J. W. Lane, L. R. Carroll, J. M. Wooten and Joseph W. Taylor.

Adopted.

Committee on Religious Exercises reported the following:

Prayer meeting 9½ o'clock to-morrow morning, to be conducted by Eld. W. M. Kennedy. Preaching at 11 o'clock by Elder C. Durham, to be followed by Elder H. McAlpin.

Adopted.

On motion, adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Prayer by Dr. W. M. Wingate. Benediction by Elder C. Durham.

THURSDAY, Oct. 8th, 1874.

Prayer meeting conducted by Elder W. M. Kennedy.

Association met according to adjournment.

Roll called. Minutes of yesterday read.

Discussion of the Report on Education resumed.

Remarks by Elder S. W. Wescott and Dr. W. M. Wingate.

Elder C. Durham proposes that Goldsboro' Church will be one of four to support a beneficiary one year; Bro. B. F. Mitchell accepts the proposition for Wilmington; Elder J. N. Stallings says his Churches will unite and make one of the number; Elder W. M. Kennedy pledges the same for his churches.

On motion, proceeded to take up collection for the beneficiaries at Wake Forest College.

The following amounts were subscribed: Elder S. W. Wescott, $5, paid; Elder G. S. Jones, $5; Elder C. C. Newton, $5, paid; Elder A. F. Redd, $5, paid; Elder H. M. Croom, $5; Elder F. H. Ivey, $5, paid; Brother Joseph W. Taylor, $5; Brother S. J. Faison, $5, paid; Cash collection, $8.80.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Education is too much neglected. We have too few schools, and they are not liberally patronized. There ought to be a school house by the side of every church, with a competent teacher, well sustained, that the rising generation might enjoy the advantages of a good education. Our people are feeling the importance of a better educated ministry, and we must do what we can to advance in this direction, or else come short of our duty and fail to meet our great responsibilities. We must depend mainly upon our college to furnish that thorough training, which will better qualify our young brethren, called of God to the ministry, for their great work.

Thirteen beneficiaries have been at Wake Forest College during the past year, studying with a view to the ministry. This number might be greatly increased, if funds could be raised to assist the many worthy young men in our churches, who feel called of God, and who desire to prepare themselves to preach the Gospel.

The endowment of Wake Forest College is of vital importance. If we are to have a College at all; if it is to go on with its work in promoting higher education among us, as it has done so successfully in the past; if our rising ministers are to have training for their high calling; if, as a denomination, we are to furnish educated men for teachers, and for the various high and responsible trusts and professions of life, then we must keep up our College. *It must be endowed.* While much has been done in the endowment effort, it has not been as largely successful as we had hoped, owing to the trying times. But we are still laboring to push the work forward, and we still ask the aid of the brethren, that it may be completed as soon as practicable.

F. H. IVEY,
C. DURHAM, } Com.
S. W. WESCOTT,

Invitation extended to visitors.

Rev. N. B. Cobb, State Sunday School Missionary, reported himself.

Moderator announced that Dr. W. M. Wingate will preach at the stand.

The Auditing Committee reported:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

ISLAND CREEK, October 6th, 1874.

Isaiah Carroll, Treasurer of Eastern Association:

IN ACCOUNT

Oct. 9th, 1873,	To amount sent up for Minutes,		$ 97 25
" " "	" Foreign Missions,		29 00
" " "	" " " Rome,		4 00
" " "	" Education,		12 30
			$ 142 55
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By amount paid Clerk, for his fee, printing and distributing Minutes,		$ 97 25	
Sent to J. G. Williams, Treasurer Baptist State Convention,		45 30	
			$ 142 55

We, the Auditing Committee, report that we have examined the Treasurer's Account, and find the same correct with proper vouchers.

B. F. MITCHELL, *Chm'n.*

Oct. 8th, 1874.

D. J. Middleton, Treasurer of Executive Committee,

DR.

To balance in hand last year,	$	61	Amount brought forward,	$	349 65
Received from Well's Chapel,		15 00	Mt. Olive,		20 00
Collecti'n at Piney Grove (Onslow,)		15 15	" on old pledge,		2 15
Hallsville,		8 85	Bear Marsh,		6 50
Kenansville,		9 00	Magnolia,		10 50
Riley's Creek,		10 00	Berea,		1 00
Mt. Holly,		10 00	Island Creek,		4 45
Piney Grove, (Sampson,)		20 15	Corinth,		10 00
" " " S. S.,		67	Dobson's Chapel,		1 25
Shiloh,		5 27	Chinquepin,		1 00
Haw Bluff,		9 90	Kinston,		50
Canaan		4 10	INDIVIDUAL PLEDGES:		
" Collection,		4 66	J. M. Wooten,		10 00
Falling Creek,		5 00	B. Oliver,		10 00
Ebenezer,		12 00	Dr. F. Duffie, on old pledge,		10 00
" Collection,		8 65	S. F. Crossland,		5 00
Union,		2 50	G. A. Herring,		1 00
Wilmington,		50 00	H. A. Bland,		1 00
Union Chapel, Collection,		13 10	Jesse Jackson,		5 00
Warsaw,		4 35	K. Vann,		5 00
Marion Board,		28 97	Ellen Matthews,		1 00
Bethel,		5 00	Celia Matthews,		1 00
Concord,		6 57	Joseph Alderman		2 00
Johnson's		21 15	D. N. Page,		1 00
Moore's Creek,		13 50	P. W. Kelly,		1 00
Long Creek,		5 00	Rufus Bennett,		2 50
Canetuck Chapel,		5 00	Mollie Williams,		1 00
Bethlehem,		10 00	Geo. R. Ward,		5 00
Lisbon,		20 00	H. D. Marshburn,		5 00
New Hope,		8 00	O. L. Stringfield,		1 00
Boykin's Chapel,		10 00	D. K. Kornegay,		2 50
Rowan,		5 00	Mrs. S. B. Anders,		5 00
Brown's,		2 50	L. R. Highsmith,		2 00
			Wm Bland,		2 00
			Collection at stand Oct. 1874.		23 80
Amount carried forward,	$	349 65			
				$	509 80

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By cash to H. M. Croom,	$	225 00
" " " J. R. Oliver,		6 50
" " " A. Guy,		8 33
" " " B. G. Covington,		97 22
" " " T. J. Leary,		66 77
Balance on hand, Oct. 1874,		106 08
	$	509 80

We, the Auditing Committee, report that we have examined the above account and find the figures correct, with the vouchers for the disbursements made, and leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of $106.08.

B. F. MITCHELL,
Chairman of Auditing Committee.

Elder S. W. Wescott read the report on the Spiritual Condition of the Churches. Adopted.

SPIRITUAL CONDITION OF THE CHURCHES.

Your Committee beg leave to make the following report:

We have visited scarcely any of the Churches within the bounds of this Association. We cannot therefore form a correct and impartial judgment as to their spiritual condition. The letters from the various churches, however, seem to indicate their status. Some of these tell of gracious outpourings of the Holy Spirit, of many added to the churches, of life, growth and fruitfulness. Others inform us of the apparent hiding of God's face, of no additions, or almost none, of coldness and languor. This is sad, very sad, particularly when we remember that we are commanded, both as individuals and churches, to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We rejoice, however, to hear glorious news from some of our churches.

We would most affectionately entreat those delegates representing churches, that have done but very little for the glory of God and the salvation of sinners, to return to the same and strive diligently under God to infuse into them much spiritual power and influence.

Finally, your Committee would respectfully beg this body to pray for a great revival of religion in all our churches.

Respectfully submitted.

S. W. WESCOTT,
B. F. MITCHELL,
LABAN CARROLL, } Com.

Elder G. S. Jones read the report on Sunday Schools. Adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

In the estimation of your Committee the true glory of the Sunday School cause consists in this: That it places an open Bible in the hands of teachers and children, with the Divine command, "Search the Scriptures," and that no school can properly be called a Sabbath School which is not *pre-eminently* and *emphatically* a *Bible School*. At your last annual session only six schools were reported, numbering 41 teachers and 415 pupils. At your present meeting we are happy to report 22 schools, numbering 157 teachers, and 1,283 pupils, an increase of 984 members, thus evincing an encouraging growth of interest, in what may be justly denominated the most hopeful department of christian labor.

Respectfully submitted,

G. S. JONES,
J. W. LANE,
B. MATTHEWS, } Com.

During the consideration of the report, remarks were made by Elders N. B. Cobb and G. S. Jones.

Elder C. Durham read the report on Foreign Missions.

Remarks were made by Elders C. Durham, A. F. Redd, W. M. Kennedy and S. W. Wescott.

List of Churches called and the following pledges made

for this object: Wilmington, 1st, $25; Mt. Holly, $5; Shiloh, $5; Bethel, $5; Lisbon, $5; Mt. Gilead, $10; New Hope, $5; Boykin's Chapel, $5; Ebenezer, $5; Haw Bluff, $10; Bear Marsh, $5; Johnson's, $5; Magnolia, $5; Dodson's Chapel, $5; Union Chapel, $5; Jacksonville, $5; Piney Grove, (Onslow,) $5; Enon, $5; Kinston, $5; Goldsboro', $25.

Individual pledges: S. W. Wescott, $5, paid; A. Guy, $5; J. M. King, $5; B. Oliver, $2 paid.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

At the last meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention the Secretary for Foreign Missions reported the Board as out of debt. This was unexpected and exceedingly gratifying intelligence. But in order to steer clear of future embarrassments, arrangements were made to apportion the expenses of the Foreign Mission work among the various States, represented in the Southern Baptist Convention. The proportion assigned to North Carolina was $3,000, for the year ending next May. The contributions from North Carolina have thus far amounted to $78. The Secretary is instructed to pay the salaries of Missionaries in quarterly installments. How is he to do it? Again, we need reinforcements in China, and we need money to build a house for our noble female Missionaries, the Misses Moon.

We think that the facts stated above are sufficient to awaken the attention, and (we trust) the interest of all lovers of the cause of Missions, which is the cause of Gospel truth.

We respectfully recommend to the body that our Pastors be requested to preach at least one sermon a year to their people on the subject of the spread of the Gospel.

J. C. HIDEN,
A. F. REDD.
WM. A. FRENCH, } Com.

Elder W. B. Harrell read the report on Temperance, which was adopted:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the subject of Temperance, beg leave to offer the following:

That the manufacture, sale and use of alcoholic drinks, as a beverage, taken as a whole is the fruitful source of much of the degradation, misery, shame and crime, which curse our land and nation, is a fact not to be denied in this age of christian progress and moral reform. The Scriptures clearly condemn the use and indulgence of anything which causes men to commit sin, and that the indulgence in intoxicating drinks, as a beverage, does this is evident to all. The Apostle Paul declares that he would rigidly abstain from every practice which might lead others to offend God. And shall not we do likewise? Self-denial, for the good of others, is the true temperance principle, because it is the teachings of Holy Writ; and "happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth." The word of God should be our guide in all things, and that sacred volume declares that "Wine

is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." Let us not, as christians, tamper with that which is so deceptive, so insidious in its effects. "It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor anything whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or made weak," and "if eating meat cause my brother to offend, I will eat no more meat while the world standeth." This is the teaching of the Bible. Let us walk in the light thus set for our feet.

We would therefore kindly and sincerely recommend to this body the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That, as Baptists, we will endeavor to carry out, both by precept and example, the true spirit of the Bible in the duty of self-denial, for the sake of others in the matter of Temperance, and that we earnestly request all the churches of this Association to do the same.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. HARRELL,
C. DURHAM, } Com.
C. J. NELSON,

On motion, adjourned to 1 o'clock.

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1 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Re-assembled.

Committee on Finance reported.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	Itinerant Fund.	Foreign Missions.	Education.
1 Wilmington, 1st	$ 5 00			
2 Wilmington, 2nd	1 50			
3 Mt. Holly	2 85	$ 4 25		
4 Moore's Creek	1 50	13 50	$ 3 50	
5 Riley's Creek	2 30	5 50		
6 Shiloh	1 50	4 00	4 75	
7 Long Creek	1 20	5 00		
8 Canetuck Chapel	1 50	5 00		
9 Middle Sound				
10 Bethlehem	2 00	10 00	5 00	
11 Well's Chapel	4 00			
12 Bethel	2 00		3 75	
13 Lisbon	2 00	20 00		
14 Mt. Gilead	3 00			
15 New Hope	2 00	8 00		
16 Boykin's Chapel	3 00	10 00		
17 Beulah				
18 Piney Grove (Sampson)	2 00	9 30		

REPORT ON FINANCE.—*Continued.*

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	Itinerant Fund.	Foreign Missions.	Education.
19 Rowan	$ 1 00	$ 5 00	.....	.....
20 Clinton	2 00	.....	.....	.....
21 Ebenezer	1 50	3 50	.....	.....
22 Brown's	1 50	2 50	.....	.....
23 Canaan	.....	.....	.....	.....
24 Mt. Zion	.....	.....	.....	.....
25 Haw Bluff	1 50	2 85	$ 2 00	.....
26 Natmore Creek	.....	.....	.....	.....
27 Falling Creek	2 00	2 50	.....	.....
28 Mt. Olive	2 50	22 15	.....	.....
29 Bear Marsh	3 00	6 50	.....	.....
30 Warsaw	3 00	2 60	.....	.....
31 Johnson's	2 30	15 25	.....	.....
32 Kenansville	2 00	.....	.....	.....
33 Magnolia	3 00	10 50	.....	.....
34 Concord	1 90	4 62	.....	.....
35 Berea	1 00	1 00	.....	.....
36 Island Creek	1 00	4 45	.....	.....
37 Hallsville	2 40	1 00	.....	.....
38 Corinth	.....	10 00	.....	.....
39 Dobson's Chapel	1 00	1 25	.....	.....
40 Chinquepin	1 00	1 00	.....	.....
41 Prospect	.....	.....	.....	.....
42 Piney Grove (Jones)	1 50	.....	.....	.....
43 Tuckahoe	.....	.....	.....	.....
44 Trenton	.....	.....	.....	.....
45 Union Chapel	1 00	.....	.....	.....
46 Jacksonville	1 50	.....	1 95	.....
47 Piney Grove (Onslow)	80	.....	3 25	.....
48 Enon	.....	.....	2 50	.....
49 Pleasant Hill	.....	.....	.....	.....
50 Smyrna	.....	.....	.....	.....
51 Woodville	.....	.....	.....	.....
52 Davis Shore	.....	.....	.....	.....
53 Beaufort	.....	.....	.....	.....
54 Young Bethel	.....	.....	.....	.....
55 Newbern	3 00	.....	.....	.....
56 Fort Barnwell	1 00	.....	.....	.....
57 Brice's Creek	.....	.....	.....	.....
58 Kinston	2 00	50	.....	.....
59 Union	1 50	.....	.....	.....
60 Woodenton	.....	.....	.....	.....
61 Morehead City	50	.....	.....	.....
62 Goldsboro'	4 00	.....	.....	.....
	$ 87 75	$ 191 72	$ 26 70	

J. M. WOOTEN,
B. MATTHEWS,
V. N. SEAWELL,
} Com.

Committee to Nominate Delegates to the Baptist State Convention reported the following: Elders J. C. Hiden, C. Durham, J. N. Stallings, J. P. Faison, O. M. Mathews, W. M. Kennedy, J. R. Oliver, H. McAlpin, C. C. Newton, A. Guy, J. L. Stewart, Brethren B. Oliver, J. C. Hines, I. Royal, Joel Lofton, A. M. Faison, A. R. Herring, L. R. Highsmith and J. M. Wooten.

On motion, proceeded to locate the next session of the Associaton.

Petitions were read from the churches at Brown's, Bethel and Beaufort.

The names of delegates being called, a majority voted to hold the next session in Beaufort.

The vote was then made unanimous.

Committee on Periodicals reported. Adopted.

During the consideration of the report, remarks were made by Elders W. M. Kennedy, C. Durham, H. McAlpin, W. B. Harrell, F. H. Ivey, N. B. Cobb and A. F. Redd, Editor of the *Biblical Recorder*.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your committee cannot overestimate the importance of a well conducted religious newspaper. Every family in the land should have one. The *Biblical Recorder* is the organ of the Baptist denomination in North Carolina. Every Baptist family should take it and prayerfully read it. Every minister should feel it a part of his work to aid its circulation. We recommend the paper to the patronage of our churches. We also recommend the Foreign Mission *Journal*, published at Richmond, Va., to the churches as a means of imparting information on the subject of missions. We also recommend *Kind Words*, published at Macon, Ga., as a valuable Sabbath School paper.

Respectfully submitted,

H. McALPIN,
W. M. KENNEDY, } Com.
C. J. NELSON,

Committee to Nominate Ministers to preach stated Sermons at the next Session, reported the following:

Introductory Sermon: Elder J. L. Stewart. Alternate—Elder C. C. Newton.

Missionary Sermon: Elder C. Durham. Alternate—Elder J. C. Hiden.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. POWELL, } Com.
G. A. HERRING, }

The Trustees of Ministers Relief Society, not being prepared to report, were directed to report to the Clerk.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Sabbath Schools within the bounds of this Association, be requested to co-operate with the Sunday School Board of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, by organizing Sabbath School Missionary Societies in their several schools, and that the Moderator appoint a standing Sunday School Board.

In accordance with the above, the Moderator appointed the following as the Standing Sunday School Board for this Association: Elders C. Durham, J. C. Hiden, Brethren J. W. Lane, S. J. Faison and G. A. Newell.

On motion of Brother J. E. Gadsby:

Resolved, That the Association earnestly recommend both to the churches and to individual members, that they use every effort to redeem all the pledges they have heretofore made for religious purposes.

After remarks by Brethren S. J. Faison and J. E. Gadsby the resolution was adopted.

On motion of Brother J. M. Wooten, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be and are hereby tendered the brethren and sisters and friends of this neighborhood for their self-sacrificing efforts, and their great success, in entertaining the delegates and visitors to this body, also to the Railroads for their liberality.

On motion of Elder H. M. Croom:

Resolved, That the Churches be requested to excuse their Pastors one Sunday in a year that they may visit destitute fields.

On motion of Brother J. M. Wooten, the Clerk was allowed $25 for his services, and the balance of the minute fund be spent in printing and circulating minutes.

The Treasurer was authorized to pay funds in his hands for objects designated.

On motion of J. M. Wooten, the Treasurer of the Executive Committee was directed to pay the amount collected at the stand for Foreign Missions.

On motion of Elder J. P. Faison:

Resolved, That we open correspondence with White Oak Association (Primitive Baptists.)

The following delegates were appointed: Elders J. P. Faison, C. J. Nelson, H. McAlpin, G. S. Best, Brethren B.

Oliver, J. M. Wooten, T. J. Jerman, J. P. Cox and S. E. Lofton.

Elder C. J. Nelson made an appeal for aid for the Church at Williamston.

Collected $8.10.

The business of the Association being completed, proceeded to adjourn.

Parting remarks by Brother B. Oliver and the Moderator.

Prayer by Dr. W. M. Wingate.

Doxology: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

Benediction by Elder F. H. Ivey.

The Association adjourned to meet at Beaufort, Tuesday after the 1st Sunday in October, 1875.

J. N. STALLINGS, MODERATOR.

ISHAM ROYAL, Clerk.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	No. Teachers.	No. Pupils.	Volumes in Library.
Wilmington 1st	E. W. Manning	16	144	400
Mt. Holly	Isaiah Carroll	4	....	....
Moore's Creek	J. J. Kates	18	110	90
Riley's Creek	G. W. Walker	3	20	....
Shiloh	H. D. Marshburn	6	50	....
Long Creek	J. H. Brinson	4	35	....
Canetuck Chapel	W. J. Flinn	8	25	....
Mt. Gilead	B. Matthews	10	71	....
Ebenezer	R. Highsmith	5	25	....
Haw Bluff	A. J. Bordeaux	4	30	....
Mt. Olive	C. C. Taylor	10	70	50
Warsaw	W. R. Bell	8	50	200
Kenansville	W. D. Carr / Mrs. M. J. Grimes	6	50	200
Island Creek	O. Hanchy	4	25	25
Hallsville	G. M. Hall	5	50	50
Piney Grove, (Onslow)		5	27	....
Newbern	Hon. C. C. Clark	21	163	....
Kinston and Parrott's School House	S. E. Lofton	4	12	....
		8	80	100
Woodenton	S. E. Lofton	4	22	....
Goldsboro	J. N. Greene	19	105	500
Beaufort	John D. Davis	10	60	45 Papers.
Piney Grove, (Sampson)	O. M. Matthews	6	20	....

STATISTICAL TABLE.

	CHURCHES.	ADDITIONS.					DIMINUTIONS.			MEMBERSHIP.				Time of Meeting.
		When constitnted	Baptized.	By Letter.	Experience.	Restored.	By Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	White Males.	White Females.	Colored.	Total.	
1	Wilmington 1st,		18	12	...	4	13	11	3	79	196	..	275	Ev'ry Sund'y
2	Wimington 2d	1870	2	9	....	3	7	13	1	24	80	...	104	" "
3	Mt. Holly		1	1	....		1	1	1	36	79	5	120	1st Sunday.
4	Moore's Creek				....	1	3		3	32	63	....	95	4th Sabbath.
5	Riley's Creek			5	....			1		29	48	...	77	3rd Sabbath.
6	Shiloh	1853		2	....		2	3		36	68	....	104	3rd Sabbath.
7	Long Creek	1871		1	....			2	2	25	46		71	3rd Sabbath.
8	Canetuck Chapel		2	3	....		1	2	1	30	35	...	65	4th Sabbath.
9	*Middle Sound	1872			....					2	6	....	8	.....
10	Bethlehem				....		7	2		26	66	....	92	2nd Sabbath.
11	Wells' Chapel		5		....	1		1	1	47	104	....	151	2nd Sabbath.
12	Bethel	1843	5	1	....		2			19	48	....	67	4th Sabbath.
13	Lisbon			9	....		2	1	1	40	53	...	93	1st Sabbath.
14	Mt. Gilead		45	2	...	1	1	4	1	46	87	....	103	3d Sat 5th Sun
15	New Hope		32	2	....		2			54	99	....	153	2nd Sunday.
16	Boykin's Chapel	1846	..	1	...		3	2	4	41	63	....	104	4th Sunday.
17	*Beulah	1814			....							....	45	3rd Sunday.
18	Piney Grove, (Sampson,)	1846		2	....		6	3	1	54	98	20	172	2nd Sunday.
19	Rowan	1759	3	2	....		2	4	1	29	69	....	98	2nd Sunday.
20	Clinton	1855	16		....	1			1	20	45	....	65	3rd Sunday.

21	Ebenezer	1867	21			1	2			30	32		62	3rd Sunday.
22	Brown's		11	8				3	2	16	31		47	3rd Sunday.
23	*Canaan												21	
24	*Mt. Zion												28	
25	Haw Bluff	1859		4	1	2		1		30	50		80	3rd Sunday.
26	Natmore Creek													
27	Falling Creek		9	2		5				20	32		52	4th Sunday.
28	Mt. Olive	1869	22	7				5	1	28	55		83	4th Sunday.
29	Bear Marsh	1763	11				2		1	42	106		148	3rd Sunday
30	Warsaw	1855		3						44	94	1	139	3rd Sunday.
31	Johnson's			4			23			54	118		172	1st Sunday.
32	Kenansville			3			1		2	28	53		81	2nd Sunday.
33	Magnolia		15	3			21	3		60	110		170	4th Sunday.
34	Concord	1825	21	2	2		8	1	1	36	70		106	3rd Sunday.
35	Berea	1844				1	3	1	2	21	40		61	Fr'd'y bef. 1st
36	Island Creek	1803			1			3	1	37	80		117	1st Sunday.
37	Hallsville	1807	1				1	5		30	73		103	4th Sunday.
38	Corinth	1850		6		1	3	4		27	46		73	4th Sunday.
39	Dobson's Chapel	1867		4			1			17	36		53	3rd Sunday.
40	Chinquepin	1860								5	37		42	3rd Sunday.
41	Prospect													
42	*Piney Grove, (Jones)	1841	5			1	3	3		19	27		46	2nd Sunday.
43	*Tuckahoe	1865											30	
44	Trenton	1870											17	
45	Union Chapel			1			2	2		15	57		72	4th Sunday.
46	Jacksonville		16			1	5	2	1	24	48		72	3rd Sunday.
47	Piney Grove, (Onslow)								1	13	18		31	
48	*Enon												22	
49	*Pleasant Hill												23	
50	*Smyrna												89	
51	*Woodville												35	
52	*Davis' Shore	1867											51	
53	Beaufort									43	18		61	2nd Sunday.
54	*Young Bethel	1867											46	
55	Newbern		4				3	5	2	27	87		114	Every Sund'y

STATISTICAL TABLE.—*Continued.*

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56	Fort Barnwell	.....	.....	2	....	.....	1	.....	.....	7	11	3	21	1st Sunday.
57	Brice's Creek	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
58	Kinston	.....	.....	1	....	.....	2	1	.....	12	16	....	28	3rd Sunday.
59	Union	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	1	.....	3	23	....	26	.....
60	*Woodenton	1858	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	24	.....
61	Morehead City	1873	2	3	1	.....	.....	.....	1	2	12	....	14	.....
62	Goldsboro	.....	61	10	...	1	11	1	2	.....	.....	...	186	Every Sund'y
			318	115	5	24	154	95	38	1,360	2,813	29	4,702	

Those marked * taken from last year's minutes.

PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES.	CLERKS AND POST OFFICES.
NEW HANOVER COUNTY.		
Wilmington, 1st,	J. C. Hiden, Wilmington,	J. W. Collins, Wilmington
Wilmington, 2nd,	J. B. Barlow, Wilmington,	J. P. King, Wilmington.
Mt. Holly,	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia	Isa Carroll, S. Washington
Moore's Creek,	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store	J. Moore, Point Caswell.
Riley's Creek,	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia	W. W. Larkins, Lillington
Shiloh,	C. C. Newton, Herringsville	H. S. Averett, Moore's C'k
Long Creek,	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store	J. H. Brinson, Lillington.
Canetuck Chapel,	D. J. Ray, Bogue Swamp.	W. J. Flinn, Pt. Caswell.
Bethlehem,	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store	B. F. Keith, Pt. Caswell.
SAMPSON COUNTY.		
Well's Chapel,		L. R Highsmith, H. Store
Bethel,	C. C Newton, Herringsville	M. H. Oates, T. Bridge.
Lisbon,	J. L. Stewart, Clinton.	R. Herring, Herringsville.
Mt. Gilead,	J. N. Stallings, Kenansville	J. J. Vann, Clinton.
New Hope,	H. McAlpin, Clinton	J. L. Carroll, Six Runs.
Boykin's Chapel,	J. L. Stewart, Cinton.	A. Robinson, Clinton.
Piney Grove,	" " "	J. W. Lane, Faison.
Rowan,	A. Guy, Warsaw	H. J. Duncan, Clinton.
Clinton,	J. D. Hufham, Warsaw	C. P. Johnson, Clinton.
Ebenezer,	J. L. Stewart, Clinton	R. Highsmith, Warrenv'lle
Brown's,	A. Guy, Warsaw	Whitney Royall, Clinton.
BLADEN COUNTY.		
Haw Bluff,	J. R. Oliver, Mt. Olive	O. M. Barnhill, Pt. Caswell
WAYNE COUNTY.		
Falling Creek,	J. R. Oliver, Mt. Olive.	A. M. Prince, Dudley.
Mt. Olive,		C. C. Taylor, Mt. Olive.
Goldsboro',	C. Durham, Goldsboro'	J. M. Hollowell, Goldsboro
DUPLIN COUNTY.		
Bear Marsh,		B J. Millard, Mt. Olive.
Warsaw,	H. McAlpin, Clinton	I. Royall, Warsaw.
Johnson's,	J. N. Stallings, Kenansv'lle	W. C. Carlton, Warsaw.
Kenansville,	" " "	D. J. Middleton, Warsaw.
Magnolia,	" " "	G. W. Carroll, Kenansville
Concord,	" " "	L. R. Matthews, Rose Hill.
Berea,	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia	G. F. Dempsey, Wallace.
Island Creek,	A. Guy, Warsaw	H. T. Savage, Wallace.
Hallsville,	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia	D. B. Brown, Kenansville.
Corinth,	A. Guy, Warsaw	I. J. Johnson, Rockfish.
Chinquepin,	J. P. Faison, H. Store	J. D. Brown, Hallsville.
Dobson's Chapel,	G. S. Best, Kenansville	J. P. Tucker, Kenansville.
JONES COUNTY.		
Piney Grove,	E. A. Best, Richlands.	J. H. Whitty, Pollocksv'lle
CRAVEN COUNTY.		
Newbern,	S. W. Wescott, Newbern.	T. J. Latham, Newbern.
Fort Barnwell,		J. M. Biddle, Cobton.
CARTERET COUNTY.		
Beaufort,	Wm. B. Harrell, Clayton	J. D. Davis, Beaufort.
Morehead City,	J. Utley, Morehead City	
LENOIR COUNTY.		
Kinston,	W. B. Harrell, Clayton.	W. R. Stanley, Kinston.
Union,		
ONSLOW COUNTY.		
Union Chapel,	G. S. Best, Kenansville.	J. Marshburn
Jacksonville,	H. M. Croom, Swansboro.	S. M. Clouts, Jacksonville
Piney Grove,	H. M. Croom, Swansboro.	G. W. Smith, Swansboro.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the Eastern Association.

ART. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ART. 3. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates, who shall be members of that church.

ART. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter, certifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the state of the church; *Provided, however*, That when any church has prepared a letter and through inadvertence the letter fails to be presented, her delegates may be received without its presentation.

ART. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen from among its members by ballot, by a majority of the members voting, and continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session and superintend their printing and distribution among the churches.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

ART. 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee of seven members, which committee shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and Colportage. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and during intervals between the meetings of this body to receive and disburse funds for those objects and to take such steps for their advancement as they shall deem advisable, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings.

ART. 10. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of her churches which neglect to preserve gospel order.

ART. 11. The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of the body except that of voting.

ART. 12. The annual session of this Association shall commence on Tuesday after the first Lord's day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

ART. 13. By appointment of the Association, there shall be an Introductory Sermon of a denominational character and a Missionary Sermon.

ART. 14. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence, a chairman *pro tem.* shall be elected.
2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.
3. At each daily session, and previous to proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous daily sessions read.
4. The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes christians.
5. Any member wishing to speak shall arise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.
6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.
7. All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer before discussion.
8. No motion shall be withdrawn after its discussion.
9. When a question is under discussion, no motion or proposition shall be received, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.
10. After a motion is decided, any member having voted in the majority, may move a reconsideration.
11. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association, without permission of the presiding officer, and no one shall take final leave of absence without the permission of the Association, and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the minutes.
12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.
13. The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to its consideration.
14. The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a majority of votes.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading Church Letters and enrolling delegates.
2. Election of Officers.
3. Call for Petitionary Letters.
4. Appointment of Committees.
5. Appointment of Corresponding Delegates.
6. Reports of Standing Committees.
7. Reports of other Committees.
8. Report of Trustees of Ministers' Relief Society.
9. Report of Treasurer.
10. Miscellaneous Business.
11. Incidental and routine motions shall be in order at any time.
12. Adjournment.

Rules of Decorum for the Churches.

1. We will hold at least four Conference meetings in the year for the transaction of business ; also special meetings whenever requisite.

2. The names of the members shall be called at every regular meeting, and there shall be due notice taken of the absence of those who discover a disposition to absent themselves.

3. At every Conference, the pastor, in his right of office, shall preside as Moderator ; and in case of his absence, the Conference shall appoint a Moderator *pro tem*, who shall open Conference by devotional exercises.

4. The Clerk shall keep a church book, in which all the proceedings of the Conference shall be faithfully transcribed, and at every regular meeting the minutes of the preceding meeting shall be read immediately after the names are called.

5. An invitation shall be given to brethren of our faith an order to sit with us in Conference, who shall enjoy all the privileges of the meeting except that of voting.

6. Every subject for the consideration of the Conference shall be introduced by a motion, which, when seconded, shall be debated and acted upon, unless withdrawn by the mover.

7. Every speaker shall rise and address the Moderator by the appellation of brother, and shall confine his remarks to the subject under debate, and shall not be allowed to speak more than twice on one subject unless by permission of the Church.

8. No member shall withdraw from the Conference without the permission of the Moderator.

9. It shall be required that in matters of difference between members, before complaint is made to the Church, the aggrieved party shall have duly attended to the instructions of the Lord, Matt. 18th chapter, 16th, 17th and 18th verses, and public offences or such as operate against the peace of the church, shall be the subject of discipline.

10. All questions submitted to the Conference shall be decided by a majority of votes, except receiving members to fellowship ; and any question may be reconsidered upon the motion of any who may vote in the affirmative.

11. The Moderator shall propound all questions for vote—shall keep the speakers to the subject under debate—may express his own views, after others are done speaking, and see that these rules are faithfully observed.

12. These Rules of Decorum may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the whole church.

Resolved, That this Association recommend the adoption of the foregoing rules to all the churches that comprise this body.

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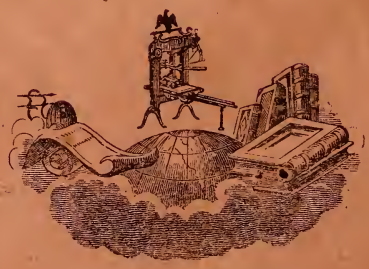

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D. J. MIDDLETON, SEC. & TREAS., Warsaw.
KEDAR VANN, L. R. CARROLL, J. W. LANE,
J. M. WOOTEN, W. B. HOCUT.

TRUSTEES OF WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL:

L. R. CARROLL,	J. BROWN,	A. GUY,
C. H. SMITH,	G. A. HERRING,	G. W. MARSH,
H. S. AVERITT,	W. M. KENNEDY,	A. W. CARLTON,
J. N. STALLINGS,	J. WELLS TAYLOR,	W. R. BELL,
H. McALPIN,	J. M. CARLTON,	J. K. SMITH,
J. L. CARLTON,	J. K. WILLIAMS,	G. W. HUFHAM,
B. OLIVER,	G. S. BEST,	WM. BOYETT,
K. VANN,	R. HIGHSMITH,	H. SIKES,
A. M. FAISON,	J. P. FAISON,	J. P. MIDDLETON,
D. J. MIDDLETON,	J. L. STEWART,	ISAIAH CARROLL.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS:

G. W. HUFHAM, Warsaw,	C. J. NELSON, Goldsboro,
W. M. KENNEDY, Magnolia,	J. T. ALBRITTON, Mt. Olive,
J. N. STALLINGS, Magnolia,	W. B. KNIGHT, Fremont,
G. S. BEST, Kenansville,	J. B. BARLOW, Wilmington,
C. A. JENKINS, Warsaw,	J. M. KING, Wilmington,
H. McALPIN, Clinton,	C. C. NEWTON, Herringsville,
J. L. STEWART, Clinton,	H. DUNCAN, Clinton,
J. P. FAISON, Harrell's Store,	F. I. LEAVY, Beaufort,
H. M. CROOM, Wallace,	J. UTLEY, Morehead City,
O. M. MATTHEWS, Clinton,	E. A. BEST, Richlands,
J. B. TAYLOR, Wilmington,	A. GUY, Warsaw,
C. DURHAM, Goldsboro,	J. R. OLIVER, Mt. Olive.

PROCEEDINGS.

BEAUFORT, N. C., October 5th, 1875.

The Eastern Association convened according to adjournment.

The exercises were opened with reading John xiv., and a few remarks by Elder B. W. Knight, and prayer by Elder G. S. Best.

The Moderator being absent, Elder J. L. Stewart was requested to occupy the Chair *pro tem.* The Clerk also being absent, Elder J. R. Oliver was requested to act in that capacity.

The list of Churches was called, and enough being represented, proceeded to read the letters and enroll the names of delegates.

Brethren J. W. Lane and L. R. Carroll were appointed Reading Clerks. Brethren B. F. Mitchell, W. W. Larkins and D. C. Middleton were appointed a Committee of Finance.

Bro. T. O. Kelly stated that he had received notification of his appointment as delegate from Rowan Church, but no letter had come.

On motion, he was recognized as a delegate from Rowan, and his name should be recorded if the letter shall arrive.

On motion, the letter from Corinth was laid on the table.

The following delegates were enrolled :

WILMINGTON 1st—B. F. Mitchell, Jos. W. Taylor.
MOORE'S CREEK—Elder H. M. Croom.
RILEY'S CREEK—Joel Hines, W. W. Larkins, W. B. Hocut.
WELL'S CHAPEL—N. F. Highsmith.
NEW HOPE—C. T. Carroll.
BOYKIN'S CHAPEL—Elder H. McAlpin, J. L. Boykin.
PINEY GROVE (Sampson)—J. W. Lane, Wm. I. Lane.
ROWAN—T. O. Kelly.
CLINTON—Elder J L. Stewart.
FALLING CREEK—W. B. Hood, Jr.
MT. OLIVE—C. C. Taylor, G. F. Loftin.
BEAR MARSH—B. Oliver, A. S. Davis, J. R. Oliver.
JOHNSON'S—Elder W. M. Kennedy, D. C. Middleton.
KENANSVILLE—D. J. Middleton, F. M. Southerland.
MAGNOLIA—L. R. Carroll.
CONCORD—Lewis A. Kennedy.
CORINTH—R. F. Peterson.
DOBSON'S CHAPEL—Elder G. S. Best.
PINEY GROVE (Jones)—Benj. Dillahunt, W. H. Bishop, James White.
TRENTON—Peter Andrews.
PINEY GROVE (Onslow)—J. F. Holland.
ENON—L. O. Fonveille.
SMYRNA—H. S. Lee, J. S. Smith, M. B. Smith.
WOODVILLE—G. R. Gillican, E. Willis, M. R. Gillican.
BEAUFORT—Wm. Felton, T. D. Noe, J. D. Davis.

KINSTON—Jesse Jackson, J. M. Wooten, S. E. Loftin.
FORT BARNWELL—Alfred Lane, J. W. Biddle.
MOREHEAD CITY—Elder Jacob Utley.
GOLDSBORO—Elder C. Durham, Elder C. J. Nelson, E. Peterson.
FREMONT—Elder W. B. Knight, T. C. Clark.
LAGRANGE—J. S. Bizzell.
MT. CALVARY—A. M. Prince, R. A. Parker.
Wilmington 2d, Mt. Holly, Shiloh, Long Creek, Bethlehem, Bethel, Lisbon, Mt. Gilead, Beulah, Ebenezer, Brown's, Haw Bluff, Warsaw, Berea, Island Creek, Hallsville, Union Chapel, Jacksonville, Newbern, Union—Represented by Letter.
Canetuck Chapel, Middle Sound, Canaan, Mt. Zion, Natmore Creek, Chinquepin, Prospect, Tuckahoe, Pleasant Hill, Davis' Shore, Young Bethel, Woodington, Brice's Creek—Not represented.

On motion, proceeded to election of officers.

The following brethren were appointed tellers: For Moderator, J. W. Lane and J. L. Boykin; Clerk, J. M. Wooten and L. R. Carroll; Treasurer, T. O. Kelly and W. F. Highsmith.

The following reports were made: Elder J. L. Stewart elected Moderator; J. R. Oliver elected Clerk; J. D. Davis elected Treasurer.

Elder Stewart made a few remarks on accepting his position.

On motion, adjourned till 3 o'clock, P. M.

Re-assembled. Petitionary letters called for.

Letters were presented from the Churches at Fremont, Wayne County, LaGrange, Lenoir County, and Mt. Calvary, Wayne County, and on motion they were received. Their delegates were welcomed by the Moderator.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats. Bro. J. C. Hocut, of Wake Forest College, appeared as a visitor from the Central Association; Elder G. S. Jones, from Salem Association, and S. S. Agent of American S. S. Union.

Rev. Mr. Wheeler, Pastor of the Methodist Church in Beaufort, was presented and invited to a seat upon the floor to witness our proceedings during the sessions. The invitation was accepted in a few words of kindly expressions.

On motion, the following committees were appointed:

Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of Beaufort Church and J. D. Davis.

State Missions—Elder C. Durham, B. F. Mitchell, J. L. Boykin.

To Nominate Trustees of Warsaw High School—B. Oliver, J. M. Wooten, D. J. Middleton.

To Nominate Executive Committee—H. McAlpin, Joel Hines, A. S. Davis.

To Nominate Delegates to Baptist State Convention—W. M. Kennedy, Jos. W. Taylor, J. D. Davis.

To Audit Accounts of Treas. of Asso. and Treas. Ex. Committee—T. O. Kelly, H. S. Lee, F. M. Southerland.

Sabbath Schools—G. S. Jones, J. W. Lane, C. T. Carroll.

Foreign Missions—W. B. Knight, C. J. Nelson, Benj. Dillahunt.
Periodicals—W. M. Kennedy, G. S. Best, J. Utley.
Education—C. T. Bailey, J. C. Hocut, L. R. Carroll.
To Nominate Preachers of Stated Sermons—J. L. Boykin, B. Oliver, D. J. Middleton.

On motion, Committee appointed to receive applications for the next session of the Association and publish the time and place. Committee to consist of three members of the Executive Committee.

On motion of J. M. Wooten, the Clerk was directed to transfer report on Temperance of last year to minutes.

On motion,

Resolved, That any Brother of our Association who may attend a sister Association may represent us.

On motion, Bro. J. C. Hocut was requested to represent us at the Cape Fear Association this year.

On motion of Elder Nelson, appointed Committee to select delegates to the following Associations: Chowan, Tar River, Raleigh, Cedar Creek and Cape Fear. Committee: C. J. Nelson, I. M. Wooten, and E. Peterson.

Committee on Religious Exercises reported. Adopted.

Introductory sermon in Baptist Church to-night by Elder J. L. Stewart; preaching in Ann Street Methodist Church by Elder G. S. Jones; colored Baptist Church, Elder C. J. Nelson; prayer meeting to-morrow morning, 9:30 o'clock, conducted by Bro. J. C. Hocut; Association meets 10 o'clock, adjourn 7 o'clock; meet again 3 o'clock, adjourn at will.

On motion, adjourned till appointed hour to-morrow morning. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Wheeler.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, October 6, 1875.

Prayer meeting conducted by Bro. J. C. Hocut.

Association met acording to adjournment. Roll called, proceedings of yesterday read and approved.

Letters from Enon and Newbern read. Letter from Newbern referred to Committee on Religious Exercises.

Visiting members invited to report. Elder C. T. Bailey, editor of the *Biblical Recorder*, and agent of Education Board of the Baptist State Convention, reported himself. Prof. C. E. Taylor, of Wake Forest College, reported himself as as Corresponding Messenger from the Central Association.

Elder Kennedy introduced Rev. E. A. Yeates, Methodist Presiding Elder, and Rev. John Rumley, of the Methodists, and, on motion, they were invited to seats on the floor to witness our proceedings. The invitations were accepted with kindly expressions.

A general invitation was given to all visiting bretheren of our Baptist Church, and to enjoy all the privileges except voting.

Reports of Standing Committee called for.

Committee appointed last year, in reference to giving up our Missionary work to State Mission Board of the Baptist State Convention, reported. Adopted.

REPORT:

Your Committee to report on the propriety of abolishing the Executive Committee of this Association, do not wish, at this time, to urge their opinion in opposition to the general desire of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. KENNEDY, } Com.
C. DURHAM, }

Moved and carried that the Moderator appoint a Committee on Ministerial Support, number to be selected by himself, to report next year. Committee: Elder C. Durham, Brethren B. Oliver and B. F. Mitchell.

Elder Kennedy stated that Bro. J. S. Bizzell, of La Grange Church, had occasion to leave last night, and, being ignorant of our rules, had not asked permission to go; therefore moved the Brother be excused. Carried.

The Executive Committee reported. Adopted.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

The Executive Committee of the Eastern Association beg leave to submit their Annual Report:

Dear Brethren: The report to your body two years ago, showed an indebtedness of one hundred and seventy-five dollars. We began operations one year ago with eighty-two dollars. We have received from all sources, during the year, about $357, and expended for the same time $268.75, leaving in the treasury about $170.

We have had in our employment two Missionaries, Elders H. M. Croom and J. R. Oliver. Bro. Croom has preached monthly at two points, Piney Grove and Enon, in Onslow County, and Jacksonville, Swansboro and Piney Green, in same County, occasionally. He has preached forty-two sermons and baptized eight persons. He reports good congregations and a hopeful interest in the preaching of the Word. Bro. J. R. Oliver has preached monthly at Jacksonville and Half-Moon, Oaslow and Union, Lenoir county; also, at Peru and Murrill's Schoolhouse occasionally. He reports small congregations at Jacksonville, but good at Half-Moon on Sundays. At the other points in Onslow the congregations were good—the people were anxious for regular preaching. We have also contributed to the support of our Brother Kennedy as Pastor of the Church at Beaufort. The above points have aided in the support of our missionaries, and it has been the policy of your committee to encourage the congregations at all of our preaching stations to aid in the work. We are compelled to regret that the Churches have not fully met their pledges; and the great obstacle in the way of the prosecution of the work is the lack of money. In conclusion, dear brethren, your committee would beg leave to urge on your Body the almost absolute necessity of devising some means of meeting the matter, and cannot express in language too strong the increasing conviction of the importance of the work. We do not think we say too much when we remind the Churches that they owe it to their past history and to their future prosperity to prosecute this work with vigor.

Respectfully submitted, B. OLIVER, Chm'n.

Remarks by Bro. B. Oliver.

Committee to nominate Executive Committee reported. Adopted.

Committee : B. Oliver, D. J. Middleton, Kedar Vann, J. W. Lane, L. R. Carroll, J. M. Wooten and Jos. W. Taylor.

On motion of Elder Durham, Elder C. E. Taylor was requested to preach the Missionary Sermon to-night.

Committee to nominate preachers of stated sermons next year, reported as follows :

Introductory Sermon : Elder C. Durham. Alternate—Elder H. McAlpin. Missionary Sermon: Elder J. B. Taylor. Alternate—Elder J. N. Stallings. Adopted.

Committee on Education reported. Briefly discussed by Elder C. T. Bailey, and laid on table until to-morrow.

On motion of Elder Durham, Elder Bailey was permitted to take up collection for Ed. B'd of Wake Forest College. Brethren J. M. Wooten and J. D. Davis were appointed to receive contributions. Collected $15.75 cash, and $7.00 pledged.

Committee on State Missions submitted report.

After some discussion by Elders Durham and Kennedy, Brethren B. Oliver and J. W. Lane, Elders McAlpin and Bailey, the report was amended and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE MISSIONS.

It is the opinion of your committee that every white Baptist Association in this State ought to co-operate with the State Mission Board of our Convention in its work. We therefore invite the Cor. Sec. to visit our churches and to do whatever he can to advance his work. Respectfully submitted,

C. DURHAM,
B. F. MITCHELL,
J. L. BOYKIN,
} Com.

Committee on Religious Exercises reported as follows :

Missionary Sermon to-night, in Baptist Church, by Elder C. E. Taylor; preaching in Colored Methodist Church, by Elder G. S. Best; Colored Baptist Church, Elder H. M. Croom. Adopted.

Committee to nominate Trustees of Warsaw High School reported. Adopted. (See page 2.)

On motion, adjourned till appointed hour this evening.

Re-assembled. Attention was called by Bro. Wooten to the fact that Chinquepin Church persists in retaining a member who deals in intoxicating liquors, and, on motion, the matter was referred to the Executive Committee to examine and report at our next session.

Elder Durham presented the following resolutions, which were adopted :

WHEREAS, We believe it is right, and also better for the general good, that the details of all our benevolent work be known to the denomination at large; and since the same, as to the financial condition of Wake Forest College, have not for years been known to us, and as we think the lack of this information has done, and is still doing, much to retard the best interests of the College ; therefore,

Resolved, That in our opinion the Baptist Denomination in this State ought to have

a report of the *exact* financial condition of said College. Such a report as should state plainly and definitely how much has been subscribed for the Endowment of said College since April, 1865, how much has been subscribed for Endowment or improvement, how much has been collected for each of these objects, how much has been invested, in what, how and by whom invested; and what such investments are now worth, how much of the original endowment fund was saved, when, how, by whom, and in what invested, and what it is now worth.

Resolved, That we do most earnestly urge upon the Board of Trustees the importance of giving this information to the Denomination at the earliest possible day.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Wake Forest College with the request that he present them to the Board at its first meeting.

The following report of Committee to Nominate Delegates to the Baptist State Convention was adopted.

Delegates: Elders J. P. Faison, J. L. Stewart, J. N. Stallings, W. M. Kennedy, G. S. Best, Brethren B. Oliver and D. K. Kornegay.

Elder Kennedy submitted report of Committee on Periodicals.

Remarks by Elder Bailey, Bro. B. Oliver, Elders Kennedy and C. E. Taylor.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The *Biblical Recorder* is the organ of the Baptists of North Carolina. It is published at Raleigh, N. C., and is printed with large, clear type. It is ably edited, and in the judgment of your Committee, it is as sound in doctrine as any Baptist paper in America. The course of our new editor, Rev. C. T. Bailey, meets the hearty approval of the Baptists of the State, and therefore should be endorsed by this Association by a large increase of the circulation of the paper. We deeply regret that so few of our people read the *Recorder*, and would hereby recommend that each friend of a true and enlightened religion make an honest effort to double its circulation by the 1st of January next.

Respectfully submitted, W. M. KENNEDY, Chm'n.

Report of former Treasurer of Association read. Referred to Auditing Committee.

On motion, Finance Committee ordered to pay Treasurer of Association all funds coming into his hands and he pay over to proper authorities amounts for the various objects intended.

Committee on Foreign Missions indulged till to-morrow.

Report of Finance Committee presented. Adopted.

REPORT:

Association Fund,	$ 90.58
For Missions and Church Letters,	30.11
Collection at Association,	20.23
Beneficiaries Wake Forest College,	5.00
Itinerancy,	176.72
Total,	$322.64

Respectfully submitted, B. F. MITCHELL, Chm'n.

The usual way has been to report amounts from every Church, but the above course is deemed sufficient.—[*Clerk*.

On motion, report of Trustees Minister's Relief Society made special order for to-morrow morning, 9:30 o'clock.

Bro. Jos. W. Taylor requested to be excused from serving on the Executive Committee. Request granted and Bro. W. B. Hocut appointed in his stead.

Elder C. J. Nelson and Brethren E. Peterson and W. B. Hood were excused from further attendance of our sessions.

On motion, the Clerk was allowed $25.00 for his services, and ordered to use remainder of amount of Association Fund for printing and distributing minutes.

Letter from Corinth taken up. Referred to Min. Relief Society.

On motion, adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by Elder Nelson.

Wednesday Night.—Missionary Sermon by Elder C. E. Taylor, from Mark xvi:16.

Collection for Foreign Missions, $20.23.

Thursday Morning, Oct. 7th, 1875.

Prayer meeting conducted by Elder G. S. Jones.

Association met according to adjournment, Elder McAlpin in the chair. Roll called. Minutes of yesterday read.

Letter from 2d Church Wilmington read.

Report on Education called up. Remarks by Elder C. E. Taylor. Adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education take pleasure in reporting that notwithstanding the financial embarrassments of the times, there are more of the sons and daughters of our people seeking the advantages of educational training than at any former period of our history. All our higher schools are well equipped and have a larger number of pupils in attendance than during the last sessions. From these schools and colleges, and this awakening on the part of our people, we entertain brighter hopes for the rising generation and the future of North Carolina. The Education Board of the Baptist State Convention refers with feelings of the highest satisfaction to the young brethren who have enjoyed its privileges, and who are now preaching the gospel of Christ not only from mountains to the sea of our beloved State, but in heathen lands, as an evidence of its usefulness and God's approbation of its labors. For the session of Wake Forest College ending in June last, there were 27 young ministers present, 11 of whom were under the care of the Education Board. This session we have 15 young brethren under the care of the Board, and are to some extent aiding others in meeting their incidental expenses. The Board ended the last session clear of debt and had about $71.00 in hand. Our expenses are much increased for this term; yet we hope, through the liberality of the churches, to be able to report the Board out of debt and in a most prosperous condition at the next meeting of our Convention. We think this Board and its work appeals to every Christian heart and believe that its appeal will not be in vain.

Respectfully submitted,

C. T. BAILEY,
L. R. CARROLL, } Com.
J. C. HOCUT,

Elder G. S. Jones presented report of Committee on Sunday Schools. Adopted.

Remarks by Prof. Taylor, Bro. S. E. Loftin, Elder G. S. Jones, Brethren J. W. Taylor and J. C. Hocut;

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

It is a source of much gratification to report an increased interest in this department of Christian work within the bounds of this Association. There are 24 Bible Schools reported to this session of your Body, numbering 190 teachers and officers and 1,569 pupils. Two years ago, there were reported but 4 schools* with a membership of something over 400. This work is spreading out over the territory embraced within your bounds. The Churches are becoming aroused to its importance. There are hundreds of youthful hearts now reached through this channel in neighborhood Bible Schools that have not reported to this body. Many of our good brethren and sisters are engaged in gathering in the destitute and teaching them in schoolhouses and even in private houses. Let the good work in Churches and mission stations go on till we see in every community the glorious results of searching the Scriptures. "The entrance of the Word giveth light."

Respectfully submitted,

G. S. JONES,
J. W. LANE,
C. T. CARROLL, } Com.

*There were certainly more Schools, if they were not reported.—[CLERK.

Elder W. B. Knight read report of Committee on Foreign Missions. Adopted.

Pending its adoption, remarks were made by Elders Bailey and Durham.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions would call to your attention the fact that the obligation to preach the gospel to every creature still rests upon the Christian church. Every man who savingly hears its glad tidings of God's grace is expected to tell it to his fellow-men. Our lights kindled by Christ's love are to shine out upon the world, and are not to be hidden under the perishing things of time. To send the Word as a healing to the nations is a part of every Christian's work. For this we live, that the Heathen may be given to Christ for an inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for a possession. The kingdoms of this world are to become the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ. This great work is to be accomplished by the preaching of the Gospel. This, and this only, is the power of God unto salvation. Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel, is the marching order of the armies of the sons of God. We ourselves must go, or send, or we cannot hope to be guiltless of our brothers' blood. We have but one man in the vast field of Africa. There are six men and two or three ladies in all of China. These few brethren are sent out by the one million Baptists of the South. They are now in pressing need of means to support themselves in those benighted lands, and are asking us to hold up their hands and preserve them from want, while they preach Jesus Christ to the Heathen. Shall they look unto us in vain? *Can* we not aid them, and do so willingly for the Master's sake?

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. B. KNIGHT,
C. J. NELSON,
BENJ. DILLAHUNT, } *Com.*

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee, to whom was referred the subject of Temperance, beg leave to offer the following: That the manufacture, sale and use of alcoholic drinks, as a beverage, taken as a whole, is the fruitful source of much of the degradation, misery, shame and crime, which curse our land and nation, is a fact not to be denied in this age of Christian progress and moral reform. The Scriptures clearly condemn the use and indulgence of anything which causes men to commit sin, and that the indulgence in intoxicating drinks, as a beverage, does this, is evident to all. The Apostle Paul declares that he would rigidly abstain from every practice which might lead others to offend God. Shall we not do likewise? Self-denial, for the good of others, is the true temperance principle, because it is the teaching of Holy Writ; and "happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth." The Word of God should be our guide in all things, and that sacred volume declares that "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." Let us not as Christians tamper with that which is so deceptive, so insidious in its effects. "It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor anything whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or made weak," and "if eating meat cause my brother to offend, I will eat no more meat while the world standeth." This is the teaching of the Bible. Let us walk in the light thus set for our feet. We would, therefore, kindly and sincerely, recommend to this body the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That as Baptists, we will endeavor to carry out, both by precept and example, the

true spirit of the Bible in the duty of self-denial, for the sake of others, in the matter of Temperance, and that we earnestly request all the Churches of this Association to do the same.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. HARRELL,
C. DURHAM,
C. J. NELSON,
} Com.

Copied from last year's Minutes per order of Association.

The Second Baptist Church, Wilmington, was reported as retaining a liquor dealer, and, on motion, the matter was referred to the Executive Committee, as in the other case.

The Moderator announced the following Brethren as Committee on locating the next session of the Association : Brethren B. Oliver, J. W. Lane and W. B. Hocut.

Bro. J. M. Wooten offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Body are due and are hereby tendered the brethren, sisters and friends, of the town of Beaufort, for their self-sacrificing efforts and great success in entertaining the delegates and visitors to this Association. We also tender our thanks to the various Railroad authorities and boatmen for favors shown to the delegates of this Association in the way of reduced traveling expenses.

On motion, agreed that the exercises of to-night be devoted to the subject of education.

Elder Kennedy presented the following resolution of thanks to Ministers, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Body be hereby tendered those Pastors of this town who have kindly given us the use of their Houses of Worship during this session of our Association.

Report of Trustees of Warsaw High School submitted. Adopted. Remarks by Bro. B. Oliver.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL.

We are glad to announce that the prospects of this Institution are now quite encouraging. The clouds which, for a while, seemed to lower around its destiny, after the resignation of the former Principal, are being rapidly dispelled, and its friends are encouraged to believe that it bids fair to attain a brilliant and permanent prosperity. The present Principal, Rev. C. A. Jenkins, is a graduate of the University of Virginia. He comes among us thoroughly recommended by prominent teachers and ministers in the State of Virginia, who are fully competent to judge of the qualifications of a teacher. His indomitable energy, unobtrusive Christian piety, and fine scholarly attainments, entitle him to our earnest co-operation and support. The Fall Term of the institution began Sept. 6th, 1875, with quite an increase of patronage over the last session. The School now numbers 48 students, with fair prospects of continued increase. Board can be obtained in Warsaw, and in good families within two miles of the school, at prices ranging from $8.00 to $12.00 per month. Arrangements have been made to adopt the club system, now in successful operation in many of our high schools and colleges, thereby furnishing board to young men at very reduced rates, An earnest and determined effort on the part of the Baptists of the Eastern Association is all that is now necessary to place the school on a sure and permanent basis ; and thereby secure the full realization of our fondest hopes and anticipations. Brethren, shall it be sustained? Shall it suffer for the want of the support of those who gave it existence ? Shall it suffer at the hands of its friends ? We shall see.

Respectfully submitted,

L. R. CARROLL, President Board Trustees.

The report of the Trustees of Ministers' Relief Society was several times called for, but no response was obtained.

The Committee to nominate delegates to other Associations failed to report.

On motion, Treasurer Ministers' Relief Society was allowed further time, and furnish report in time for insertion in Minutes.

Bro. C. C. Taylor presented the following resolution on Sunday Schools, which was adopted :

Believing that convening the Sunday School workers of this Association at different times and places will help to promote the interests of this cause, and that the Sunday School does forward building up our churches; be it

Resolved, That a committee of five brethren be appointed whose duty it shall be to assemble the Sunday School workers together at times and places as they may deem best for the promotion of the cause in the bounds of this Association, and that we ask the co-operation and presence of our esteemed Brother and Sunday School laborer, Elder G. S. Jones, whenever it shall be in his power to so aid us.

The Moderator appointed as that Committee, Brethren C. C. Taylor, J. D. Davis, J. M. Wooten, W. W. Larkins and Jos. W. Taylor.

Moved by Bro. Larkins that every Church under obligations for any of the benevolent operations be hereby requested to pay as early as practicable. Carried.

Committee on Religious Exercises reported. Adopted.

Mass meeting to-night in behalf of education. Speakers : Elders Durham, Taylor, Bailey, Stewart and others.

Preaching at Morehead City by Elder McAlpin.

Matter of report of Treasurer Ministers' Relief Society reconsidered. Report offered and adopted.

REPORT OF TREASURER MINISTERS' RELIEF SOCIETY.

The Fund consists of :

1 note on	John J. Whitehead,		$200.00	Interest due,	$18.00
1 "	"		4.00	"	.35
1 "	John H. Faison		123.50	"	4.75
1 "	D. K. Kornegay and B. Oliver		90.00	"	3.60
1 "	J. R. Oliver		15.00	"	7.20
1 "	"		16.00	"	5.82
1 "	I. Royal		32.15	"	11.57
1 "	D. J. Middleton		10.00	"	3.60
1 "	Benjamin Oliver		87.16	"	5.81
1 "	D. K. Kornegay		38.25	"	13.75
1 "	"		57.78	"	15.16
			$674.02		$95.61

Collection in cash at Mount Gilead		$13.95
" " Boykin's Chapel		3.20
		$17.15
Amount paid Brother Utley	$ 6.00	
Amount paid Brother Guy	10.00	16.00
Cash on hand		$ 1.15

October 5th, 1875. J. L. STEWART, TREASURER.

EXPLANATION.—The note on J. R. Oliver for $16 18 is the only proper one, it being substituted for the other and its return was neglected. Attention being called to this fact, the former Treasurer remembered the transaction, and the return of the note has been ordered by Trustees.—*Ed.*

Auditing Committee reported. Adopted.

REPORT OF FORMER TREASURER OF ASSOCIATION.

ISAIAH CARROLL, *Treasurer Eastern Association, in account with same*, 1874–'5:

To am't received from Finance Committee of last session for Minute Fund,	$ 87.75
Received from same for Foreign Missions,	26.70
Amount collected at stand,	23.80
Received of B Oliver,	2.00
Received of S. W. Wescott,	5.00
	$145.25
CR.	
By amount paid Clerk, as per receipt,	$87.75
By amount paid Treasurer Baptist State Convention,	57.50
	$145.25

The Auditing Committee have examined the above account and find it correct.

T. O. KELLY,
H. S. LEE,
F. M. SOUTHERLAND, } Com.

On motion, pledges from the Churches for the itinerancy were called for.

The following responses were made:

Wilmington, 1st, $50; Mt. Holly, $10; Moore's Creek, $15; Long Creek, $5; Riley's Creek, $15; New Hope, $5; Boykin's Chapel, $10; Piney Grove, Sampson, $10; Clinton, $10; Falling Creek, $6; Mt. Olive, $15; Bear Marsh, $20; Johnson, $15; Magnolia, $10; L. A. Kennedy, $1; R. F. Peterson, $10; Dobson's Chapel, $5; Benj. Dillahunt, $5; Peter Andrews, $5; Piny Grove, Onslow, $6; Enon, $5; Beaufort, $5; Fort Barnwell, $10; Kinston, $20; Mount Calvary, $4.

On motion, Elder Stewart was requested to have his Introductory Sermon published in the *Biblical Recorder*.

Auditing Committee offered report of Treasurer of Executive Committee. Adopted.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

D. J. MIDDLETON, *Treasurer Executive Committee, Dr.*

To amount left on hand last session of Association,	$82.28	Lisbon,	13.00
Collection at Bear Marsh,	6 35	Mount Olive,	18.00
Piny Grove, Sampson,	8.00	Johnson's,	17.25
Collection at Mt. Gilead,	11.57	Warsaw,	3 50
Wilmington, 1st, old pledge,	50.00	Magnolia,	3.00
Canetuck Chapel,	5.00	Concord,	2.60
Mt. Gilead,	4.35	Island Creek,	1.50
Dobson's Chapel,	15.00	Hallsville,	5.00
Haw Bluff,	10.00	Moore's Creek,	7.50
Falling Creek,	9 75	INDIVIDUAL PLEDGES.	
Bear Marsh,	12.15	Miss Belle Alderman,	1.00
Ebenezer,	8 85	J. M. Wooten,	10.00
New Hope,	6.30	Jesse Jackson,	10.00
Collection at Brown's,	7 12	B. Oliver,	5.00
		Miss Hannah Blackburn,	1 00

Mt. Holly,	10.00	Miss Maggie Peterson,	1.00
Riley's Creek,	10.00	Miss Ellen Matthews,	1.00
Boykin's Chapel,	10.00		
Kenansville,	2.00	CR.	$444.21
Collection at Boykin's Chapel,	7.60	By am't p'd H. M. Croom, $137.50	
Corinth,	5.00	" J. R. Oliver, 93.74	
Wilmington,	50.00	" W. M. Kennedy, 36.00	
Shiloh,	4.35	" J. N. Stallings, 1.50	
Long Creek,	2 00		$268.74
Well's Chapel,	6.80		
Bethlehem,	10.00	Remainder on hand,	$175.47

Your Committee to audit accounts of Treasurer Executive Committee, beg leave to report that they have examined the above account and find it correct.

T. O. KELLY,
H. S. LEE,
F. M. SOUTHERLAND, } Com.

The business being finished, the Association adjourned to meet Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1876.

Though the attendance was smaller than usual, harmony prevailed and the brethren seemed to have enjoyed a rich feast from the Master while engaged in such delightful work.

The exercises of the night were changed to preaching in the Baptist Church, by Elder C. T. Bailey.

After the sermon, a hymn was sung, and the parting hand was given, and so closed a happy session of the Eastern Association.

J. L. STEWART, MODERATOR.

J. R. OLIVER, *Clerk*.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	No. Teachers.	No. Pupils.	Volumes in Library.
Wilmington 1st,	E. W. Manning,	....	....	....
Mt. Holly,	Isaiah Carroll,	....	....	....
Riley's Creek,	Major Clark,	15	38	....
Moore's Creek,	J. E. Woodcock,	10	43	100
Shiloh	H. D. Marshburn,	6	40	....
Long Creek,	J. H. Brinson,	3	28	....
Mt. Gilead,	B. Matthews,	....	....	....
New Hope,	E. Strickland,	6	35	....
Piney Grove, (Sampson)	J. W. Lane,	....	20	....
Ebenezer,	Robert Highsmith,	4	45	....
Falling Creek,	Union School,	....	....	....
Mt. Olive,	C. C. Taylor,	13	117	....
Bear Marsh,	James Walker,	8	66	....
Magnolia,	J. W. Swinson,	....	....	....
Hallsville,	G. W. Hall,	5	40	50
Trenton,	B. F. Dillahunt,	5	30	60
Newbern,	Charles C. Clark,	19	195	500
Beaufort,	John D. Davis,	6	45	100
Woodville,	David F. Arthur,	4	18	....
Smyrna	H. S. Lee,	6	56	....
Kinston,	J. M. Wooten,	9	45	....
LaGrange,	C. G. Grady,	10	44	150
Goldsboro	J. N. Greene,	17	135	200
Union,	Miss Bettie Lee,	....	....	....
Piney Grove, (Onslow)	W. E. Martin,	6	21	....
Mount Calvary,	A. M. Prince,	3	32	....

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	When Constituted.	Additions.				Diminutions.			Membership.				Time of Meeting.
		Baptized.	By Letter.	Experience	Restored.	By Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	White Males.	Females.	Colored.	Total.	
1 Wilmington 1st	....	8	8	....	4	7	3	....	85	200	....	285	2 times Sab.
2 Wilmington 2d	1870	4	11	....	1	6	13	2	23	76	....	99	.....
3 Mt. Holly	....	....	2	....	....	2	8	3	32	72	4	108	1st Sabbath.
4 Moore's Creek	....	6	1	....	4	4	2	1	34	64	....	98	4th Sabbath.
5 Riley's Creek	....	22	3	....	1	4	2	1	36	61	....	97	3d Sabbath.
6 Shiloh	1853	22	....	1	3	4	3	2	38	83	....	121	3d Sabbath.
7 Long Creek	1871	3	1	....	....	....	....	1	27	47	....	74	1st Sabbath.
8 *Canetuck Chapel	....	2	3	....	....	1	2	1	30	35	.. .	65	4th Sabbath.
9 *Middle Sound	1872	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	6	....	8	.....
10 Bethlehem	....	....	3	....	....	4	1	....	25	65	....	91	2d Sabbath.
11 Well's Chapel	....	42	2	....	....	4	5	1	70	116	....	186	3d Sabbath.
12 Bethel	1843	....	....	....	....	2	....	1	17	47	....	64	4th Sabbath.
13 Lisbon	....	5	....	....	....	....	1	1	39	55	...	94	1st Sabbath.
14 Mount Gilead	....	....	1	....	....	....	2	1	45	88	....	133	3d Sabbath.
15 New Hope	....	1	10	....	....	2	....	2	56	104	....	160	2d Sabbath.
16 Boykin's Chapel	1846	20	5	....	2	3	3	....	49	77	....	126	4th Sabbath.
17 Beulah	1814	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	14	18	....	32	4th Sabbath.
18 Piney Grove (Sampson)	1846	30	3	...	....	4	1	2	59	119	17	195	2d Sabbath.
19 Rowan (As last year—see ex.	1759	3	2	....	....	2	4	1	23	69	....	98	.....
20 Clinton	1855	6	....	...	....	....	....	....	20	47	....	67	3d Sabbath.
21 Ebenezer	1867	....	1	....	....	....	1	....	31	31	....	62	3d Sabbath.
22 Brown's	....	25	5	12	1	....	....	....	31	55	....	86	3d Sabbath.

23 *Canaan	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	21	1st Sabbath.
24 *Mt. Zion	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	28	.....
25 Haw Bluff	1859	....	3	....	....	....	1	....	31	51	....	82	3d Sabbath.
26 *Natmore Creek	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....
27 Falling Creek	....	....	8	....	....	8	2	....	14	28	1	43	1st Sabbath.
28 Mount Olive	1869	38	10	....	1	5	2	....	45	79	....	124	2d & 4th Sab.
29 Bear Marsh	1763	66	1	....	2	3	2	1	69	127	....	196	1st & 3d Sab.
30 Warsaw	1855	23	5	....	....	5	6	.	47	100	1	149	.....
31 Johnson's	....	8	1	....	2	5	1	....	55	111	....	166	1st Sabbath.
32 Kenansville	....	1	....	....	....	3	....	1	25	53	....	78	2d Sabbath.
33 Magnolia	....	....	1	....	1	6	1	....	56	114	....	170	4th Sabbath.
34 Concord	1825	....	....	....	....	3	....	2	34	63	....	102	5th Sabbath.
35 Island Creek	1803	7	2	....	....	1	2	1	40	84	....	124	1st Sabbath.
36 Berea	1844	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	20	41	....	61	2d Sabbath.
37 Hallsville	1807	....	....	....	....	....	8	1	30	68	....	98	4th Sabbath.
38 Corinth	1850	....	1	....	1	2	5	2	26	42	....	68	4th Sabbath.
39 Dobson's Chapel	1867	13	1	....	....	1	....	1	17	37	....	54	3d Sabbath.
40 *Chinquepin	1860	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	5	37	....	42	3d Sabbath.
41 *Prospect	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	No preaching.
42 Piney Grove (Jones)	1841	2	1	....	....	....	....	1	19	29	....	48	2d Sabbath.
43 *Tuckahoe	1865	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	30	3d Sabbath.
44 Trenton	1870	2	1	....	....	....	....	....	10	14	....	24	1st Sabbath.
45 Union Chapel	...	5	1	....	....	....	....	1	18	54	....	72	4th Sabbath.
46 Jacksonville	....	....	....	....	....	2	7	2	14	38	....	52	3d Sabbath.
47 Piney Grove (Onslow)	....	7	....	....	....	....	....	1	16	20	....	36	1st Sabbath.
48 Enon	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	8	18	....	25	2d Sabbath.
49 *Pleasant Hill	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	23	No preaching.
50 Smyrna	....	....	....	....	....	....	4	....	22	56	....	78	1st Sabbath.
51 Woodville	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	1	10	13	....	28	4th Sabbath.
52 *Davis' Shore	1867	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	51	.....

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53 *Young Bethel	1867	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	46	.....
54 Beaufort	....	1	....	....	....	....	3	....	18	39	....	57	4th Sabbath.
55 Newbern	....	....	4	....	....	3	2	2	25	86	....	111	Every Sab.
56 Fort Barnwell	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	9	18	....	27	.....
57 *Brice's Creek	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	No preaching.
58 Kinston	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	11	16	....	27	1st Sabbath.
59 Union	....	....	....	....	1	....	4	....	3	21	....	24	2d Sabbath.
61 Morehead City	1873	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	3	12	....	15	3d Sabbath.
62 *Woodington	1858	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	24	Not often rep.
63 Goldsboro	....	22	3	....	3	8	29	3	51	121	....	172	Every Sab.
64 LaGrange	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	25	33	....	58	.....
65 Fremont	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	5	1st Sabbath.
66 Mt. Calvary	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	9	7	....	16	3d Sabbath.
		394	97	12	27	105	133	41	1578	3235	23	4836	

Those marked * are taken from last year's minutes. Some of them have not been represented in a considerable time, and statements continue to be taken from old records. The Clerk is uncertain whether a letter was received from Rowan, as none can be found. Committees had the letters at different times, and the Clerk conveyed them home as he received them.

PASTORS, CLERKS AND POST OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	PASTORS AND P. O.	CLERKS AND P. O.
Wilmington, 1st	N. Hano'r	J. B. Taylor, Wilmington,	J. W. Collins, Wilmington
Wilmington, 2d	"	No Pastor,	J. T. King. do
Mt. Holly,	Pender,	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia,	Isa. Carroll, So. Wash'gt'n
Riley's Creek,	"	do	W. W. Larkins, Long Cr'k
Moore's Creek,	"	J. P. Faison, Harrell's St're	G. W. Woodcock, Pt. Casw'l
Shiloh,	"	C. C. Newton, Herringsville	H. S. Averitt, Moore's Cr'k
Long Creek,	"	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Str'e	J. H. Brinson, Long Creek
Canetuck Chap'l	"	.....	.....
Bethlehem,	"	J. P Faison, Harrell's St're	B. F. Keith, Pt. Caswell
Well's Chapel,	Sampson	J. L. Stewart, Clinton,	L. R. Highsmith, Harrell's
Bethel,	"	C. C. Newton, Herringsville	M. H. Oates, Taylor's Br'dg
Lisbon,	"	J. L. Stewart, Clinton,	R. Herring, Herringsville
Mt. Gilead,	"	J. N. Stallings, Magnolia,	J. J. Vann, Clinton
New Hope,	"	H. McAlpin, Clinton,	J. L. Carroll, Six Runs
Boykin's Chap'l	"	J. L. Stewart, do	A. Robinson. Clinton
Beulah,	"	C. A. Jenkins, Warsaw,	L. R. Millard
Piney Grove,	"	J. L. Stewart, Clinton,	J. W. Lane, Faison
Rowan,	"	A. Guy, Warsaw,	.....
Clinton,	"	C. A Jenkins, Warsaw,	C. P. Johnson, Clinton
Ebenezer,	"	No Pastor,	R. Highsmith, Warrensville
Brown's,	"	A. Guy, Warsaw,	W. Royal, Clinton
Haw Bluff,	Bladen,	J. P. Faison, Harrell's St're	O. M. Barnhill, Pt. Caswell
Mt. Zion,	"	.....	.....
Falling Creek,	Wayne,	J R. Oliver, Mt. Olive,	W. B. Hood, Jr., Goldsboro
Mount Olive,	"	.....	C. C. Taylor, Mt. Olive
Goldsboro,	"	C. Durham, Goldsboro,	J. M. Hollowell, Goldsboro
Mt. Calvary,	"	C. J Nelson, do	G. W. Parker, Dudley
Fremont,	"	.....	.....
Bear Marsh,	Duplin,	.....	B. J. Millard, Mt. Olive
Warsaw,	"	H. McAlpin, Clinton,	B. L. Ezzell, Warsaw
Johnson's,	"	G. W. Hufham Warsaw,	W. C. Carlton, Warsaw
Kenansville,	"	J. N. Stallings, Magnolia,	D. J. Middleton, Warsaw
Magnolia,	"	do	G. W. Carroll, Kenansvil'e
Concord,	"	do	L. R. Matthews, Rose Hill
Berea,	"	.....	R. J. Johnson, Camera
Island Creek,	"	A. Guy, Warsaw,	H. T. Savage, Wallace
Hallsville,	"	H. M. Croom, Wallace,	D. B. Brown, Kenansville
Corinth	"	A. Guy, Warsaw,	J. Johnson, Rockfish
Dobson's Chap'l	"	G. S. Best, Kenansville,	J. P. Tucker, Kenansville
Piney Grove,	Jones,	E. A. Best, Richlands,	J. H. Whitley, Pollocksville
Trenton	"	.....	L. H. Mallard, Trenton
Newbern,	Craven,	.....	T. J. Latham, Newbern
Fort Barnwell,	"	.....	J. W. Biddle, Cobton
Beaufort,	Carteret,	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia,	J. D. Davis, Beaufort
Morehead City.	"	Jacob Utley, Moreh'd City,	J Utley, Morehead City
Woodville,	"	P. J. Leary Beaufort,	D. F. Arthur, Beaufort
Smyrna,	"	do	Isaiah Davis, Beaufort
Kinston,	Lenoir.	J. N. Stallings, Magnolia,	W. F. Stanley, Kinston
LaGrange,	"	W M. Kennedy, Magnolia,	R. L. Wooten, LaGrange
Union,	"	J. R Oliver, Mt. Olive,	W. E. Sutton, Kinston
Union Chapel,	Onslow,	E. A. Best, Richlands,	J. Marsburn, Cath. Lake
Enon,	"	H. M. Croom, Wallace,	L. O. Fonvelle, Duck Cr'k
Piney Grove,	"	.....	J. F. Holland, Swansboro
Jacksonville,	"	J. R. Oliver, Mt. Olive,	S. M. Clentz

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Article 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the Eastern Association.

Art. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

Art. 3. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates, who shall be members of that church.

Art. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter, certifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the state of the church; *Provided, however*, That when any church has prepared a letter and through inadvertence the letter fails to be presented, her delegates may be received without its presentation.

Art. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen from among its members by ballot, by a majority of the members voting, and continue in office until their successors are elected.

Art. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session and superintend their printing and distribution among the churches.

Art. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

Art. 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee of seven members, which committee shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and Colportage. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and during intervals between the meetings of this body to receive and disburse funds for those objects and to take such steps for their advancement as they shall deem advisable, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings.

Art. 10. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of her churches which neglect to preserve gospel order.

ART. 11. The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of the body except that of voting.

ART. 12. The annual session of this Association shall commence on Tuesday after the first Lord's day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

ART. 13. By appointment of the Association, there shall be an Introductory Sermon of a denominational character and a Missionary Sermon.

ART. 14. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

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RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence, a chairman *pro tem.* shall be elected.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.

3. At each daily session, and previous to proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous daily sessions read.

4. The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak shall arise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.

7. All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer before discussion.

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after its discussion.

9. When a question is under discussion, no motion or proposition shall be received, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

10. After a motion is decided, any member having voted in the majority, may move a reconsideration.

11. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association, without permission of the presiding officer, and no one shall

take final leave of absence without the permission of the Association, and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the minutes.

12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13. The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to consideration.

14. The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a majority of votes.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading Church Letters and enrolling delegates.
2. Election of Officers.
3. Call for Petitionary Letters.
4. Appointment of Committees.
5. Appointment of Corresponding Delegates.
6. Reports of Standing Committees.
7. Reports of other Committees.
8. Report of Trustees of Ministers' Relief Society.
9. Report of Treasurer.
10. Miscellaneous Business.
11. Incidental and routine motions shall be in order at any time.
12. Adjournment.

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Rules of Decorum for the Churches.

1. We will hold at least four Conference meetings in the year for the transaction of business; also special meetings whenever requisite.

2. The names of the members shall be called at every regular meeting, and there shall be due notice taken of the absence of those who discover a disposition to absent themselves.

3. At every Conference, the pastor, in his right of office, shall preside as Moderator; and in case of his absence, the Conference shall appoint a Moderator *pro tem.*, who shall open Conference by devotional exercises.

4. The Clerk shall keep a church book, in which all the proceed-

ings of the Conference shall be faithfully transcribed, and at every regular meeting the minutes of the preceding meeting shall be read immediately after the names are called.

5. An invitation shall be given to brethren of our faith and order to sit with us in Conference, who shall enjoy all the privileges of the meeting except that of voting.

6. Every subject for the consideration of the Conference shall be introduced by a motion, which, when seconded, shall be debated and acted upon, unless withdrawn by the mover.

7. Every speaker shall rise and address the Moderator by the appellation of brother, and shall confine his remarks to the subject under debate, and shall not be allowed to speak more than twice on one subject unless by permission of the Church.

8. No member shall withdraw from the Conference without the permission of the Moderator.

9. It shall be required that in matters of difference between members, before complaint is made to the Church, the aggrieved party shall have duly attended to the instructions of the Lord, Matt. 18th chapter, 16th, 17th and 18th verses, and public offences or such as operate against the peace of the church, shall be the subject of discipline.

10. All questions submitted to the Conference shall be decided by a majority of votes, except receiving members to fellowship; and any question may be reconsidered upon the motion of any who may vote in the affirmative.

11. The Moderator shall propound all questions for vote—shall keep the speakers to the subject under debate—may express his own views, after others are done speaking, and see that these rules are faithfully observed.

12. These Rules of Decorum may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the whole Church.

Resolved, That this Association recommend the adoption of the foregoing rules to all the Churches that comprise this body.

such thots as to act consistently with
our relations to him.
Such thots as to conquer sin.
Great thots to quicken our souls.
" will lead us to high endeavors.
Jesus may well command —
Commendation accurate
a) Q. Are:
The Rose
of Sharon.
b) The Lily
of the Valley.
ght, lovely & all our fair senses.
The recollection of his love is sweet
so lovely, such so heartlifting.
his loveliness satisfies the highest
ends of the most educated mind.

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—OF THE—

EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

Mount Olive, Wayne Co., N. C.,

October 3, 4 and 5, 1876.

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PROCEEDINGS.

MOUNT OLIVE, WAYNE CO., N. C., Oct. 3d, 1876.

The Eastern Association convened per appointment.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder A. C. Dixon, of Chapel Hill, from Matt. xx, 7.

The Moderator announced that after an intermission of one hour the Association would convene for business.

After dinner, the body was called to order by Moderator Stewart, who opened services by reading Psalm 127. The congregation sung a hymn and prayer was offered by Elder J. N. Stallings.

The list of Churches was called, and enough being represented the letters were read and names of delegates enrolled.

Brethren C. C. Taylor and V. N. Seawell were appointed Reading Clerks. Brethren B. Matthews, J. L. Boykin and J. C. Hobbs were appointed Finance Committee.

On motion, the letters from Boykin's Chapel, Corinth and Hallsville, petitioning for the next session of the Association, were laid on the table.

On motion, the letter from Smyrna was referred to the Executive Committee.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended for the appointment of Committee on Religious Exercises. Committee: Elder J. N. Stallings, Deacons D. K. Kornegay, C. C. Taylor, G. M. Roberts, W. T. Gresham and B. Oliver.

Elder J. T. Albritton stated that a letter had been prepared by Canaan Church but it was not present, and, on motion, Bro. R. P. Carr was recognized as its delegate.

The following names were enrolled as delegates:

WILMINGTON 1st—Samuel G. Hall, Joseph W. Taylor.
MT. HOLLY—Isaiah Carroll, James M. Lee, A. F. Powers.
RILEY'S CREEK—Joel Hines, L. Hocut, W. B. Hocut.
SHILOH—G. A. Herring.
BETHLEHEM—Stephen Kelly.
CANETUCK CHAPEL—Andrew Moore, Samuel A. Fliners.
HAW BLUFF—Wm. Glisson, L. C. Baswell, A. B. Rooks.
WELL'S CHAPEL—Elder William Bland, O. E. Highsmith.
NEW HOPE—C. H. Smith, F. M. Carroll, G. W. Carroll.
LISBON—Richard Herring.
EBENEZER—K. Vann, Geo. Highsmith, L. J. Alderman.
BOYKIN'S CHAPEL—J. L. Boykin, M. C. Peterson, W. H. Boykin.

Mt. Gilead—B. Matthews, S. Peterson.
Clinton—Elder J. L. Stewart, B. S. Peterson.
Beulah—J. W. Blount.
Piny Grove (Sampson)—Elder O. M. Matthews, R. R. Bell, J. C. Hobbs.
Brown's—W. M. Draughan, James Shipp, John W. Bell.
Canaan—R. P. Carr.
Falling Creek—W. B. Hood, Jr.
Mt. Calvary—Elder J. T. Albritton, A. M. Prince, G. W. Parker.
Fremont—Thomas Clark.
Goldsboro—Elder F. H. Ivey, J. E. Peterson, T. O. Kelly.
Mt. Olive—G. T. Loftin, C. C. Taylor, J. D. Roberts.
Bear Marsh—B. Oliver, R. D. Bennett, J. R. Oliver.
Warsaw—Frank Boyett, J. Hightower, S. M. Carlton.
Johnson's—Elder W. M. Kennedy, W. H. Best, O. P. Middleton.
Kenansville—Elder J. N. Stallings, F. M. Southerland, D. J. Middleton.
Magnolia—L. R. Carroll, W. J. Carroll, W. J. Hollingsworth.
Concord—R. J. Strickland, J. T. Kennedy, W. M. Drew.
Corinth—W. B. Teachey, J. C. Williams, Joseph Boon.
Berea—V. N. Seawell, R. J. Johnston.
Island Creek—Stephen Wells, J. M. Wallace.
Dobson's Chapel—C. C. Bradshaw, O. D. Bostick, J. P. Tucker.
Hallsville—Amos Grissom, A. D. Sandlin, D. B. Brown.
Union Chapel—John P. Cox.
Enon—L. O. Fonveille.
Piny Grove (Onslow)—E. W. Morton, J. F. Holland.
Piny Grove (Jones)—B. F. Dillahunt, W. McDaniel, F. L. Hancock.
Trenton—Peter Andrews, W. H. Mallard, L. F. Andrews.
Kinston—Jesse Jackson, J. M. Wooten, W. F. Stanly.
La-Grange—J. S. Bizzell, W. G. Phelps.
Newbern—Elder J. W. Taylor, W. G. Brinson.
Beaufort—Elder R. C. Sandling, D. Stanton, E. Brooks.
Mary's Chapel—W. W. Williamson, W. Southerland, L. Howard.
Capernaum—D. F. Aman, Andrew Hurst, J. D. Melvin.
Rose Hill—D. N. Page, W. P. Kelly.

Wilmington 2d, Long Creek, Rowan, Jacksonville, Union, Morehead City, Smyrna, Davis' Shore—Represented by letter.

Middle Sound, Pleasant Hill, Moore's Creek, Bethel, Mt. Zion, Natmore Creek, Chinquepin, Prospect, Tuckahoe, Fort Barnwell, Brice's Creek, Woodville, Young Bethell—Not represented.

Several are never represented.

The Clerk called the attention of brethren to certain Churches which he knows have no longer an organization, but they seemed unwilling to do anything about the matter. The Clerk has enrolled the names of delegates whom he knew were in attendance.

Some names may have been overlooked, and others enrolled who did not attend ; but hopes to be excused for any seeming neglect.

On motion, proceeded to election of officers.

The following tellers were appointed : For Moderator, J. W. Lane and J. M. Carlton ; Clerk, L. R. Carroll and Richard Herring ; Treasurer, M. C. Peterson and Isaiah Carroll.

The following were the results : Elder J. L. Stewart re-elected Moderator ; J. R. Oliver re-elected Clerk ; after several ballots, Bro. Isaiah Carroll was elected Treasurer.

Elder J. L. Stewart made appropriate remarks on accepting his office again.

Committee on Religious Exercises reported as follows : Preaching in the Baptist Church to-night by Elder R. H. Griffith ; in the Methodist Church by Elder H. Petty ; prayer-meeting in Baptist Church to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock, conducted by Elder G. S. Best ; preaching in Methodist Church, 11 o'clock, by Elder F. H. Ivey ; Academy, same hour, by Elder J. L. Britt ; Methodist Church, 2:30 o'clock, by Elder J. W. Taylor. Adopted.

An invitation was extended to visiting brethren to seats with us. The following brethren accepted : Elder R. H. Griffith, Agent of So. Bap. Theological Seminary ; Bro. F. P. Hobgood, Prin. Raleigh Female Seminary and Messenger from the Central Association, also, Agent of Ed. Board of N. C. Bap. Convention ; Elder A. C. Dixon, of Mt. Zion Association and representative of Sunday School cause ; Elder J. D. Hufham, of the *Biblical Recorder*, and Elder H. Petty, of Virginia.

On motion, adjourned till appointed hour to-morrow.

Prayer by Elder C. E. Taylor ; benediction by Elder W. M. Kennedy.

Wednesday Morning, October 4th, 1876.

Prayer-meeting conducted by Elder G. S. Best.

Roll called. Proceedings of yesterday read and approved.

Letters from Beulah, Falling Creek and Piny Grove (Jones), read and names of the delegates enrolled.

An invitation was given to visiting brethren. None reported.

Petitionary letters were called for. Letters of application for membership were presented from *Capernaum and Rose Hill Churches, Onslow county, and they were, on motion, received and names of their delegates enrolled. The Moderator welcomed the delegates as members of this body.

A letter was presented from Mary's Chapel Church, Duplin county, and, on motion of Bro. J. M. Wooten, a committee was appointed to inquire concerning it and report as soon as possible. Committee: J. M. Wooten, B. Oliver, L. R. Carroll, J. L. Boykin

*Letter from Capernaum referred to Executive Committee.

and G. A. Herring. The committee retired, and in a few minutes reported that all was satisfactory, and, on motion, the Church was received. Its delegates were welcomed and enrolled.

The appointment of Committees being next in order, on motion, proceeded to that business. The following are the Committees:

Periodicals—F. H. Ivey, V. N. Seawell, W. B. Hocut.
Education—John T. Albritton, R. R. Bell, C. H. Smith.
Temperance—G. S. Best, B. Oliver, R. C. Sandling.
Foreign Missions—W. M. Kennedy, T. O. Kelly, J. D. Roberts.
State Missions—J. D. Hufham, G. S. Best, F. M. Carroll.
Sabbath Schools—A. C. Dixon, W. Bland, O. P. Middleton.
Obituaries—W. M. Kennedy, J. P. Faison, S. E. Loftin.
Nominate Ex. Committee—J. L. Boykin, Joel Hines, W. M. Kennedy.
Nominate Delegates to Baptist State Convention—John T. Albritton, K. Vann, R. Herring.
Revise List of Trustees of Warsaw High School—W. M. Kennedy, L. R. Carroll, D. J. Middleton.
Audit Accounts of Treas. Association and Treas. Ex. Committee—T. O. Kelly, S. M. Carlton, James M. Lane.
Nominate Preachers Stated Sermons—O. M. Matthews, G. W. Carroll, Wm. Glisson.

Elder Ivey presented the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we have heard with pleasure of the renewed efforts which have been made for the endowment of Wake Forest College, and believe the work should be steadily prosecuted until completed, however long it may take.

Resolved, That we endorse the effort which is now making to endow with $20,000 the Chair to be named the "Pritchard" Chair, and that we pledge ourselves to work and contribute for its completion.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to direct the prosecution of the work in our Association.

Laid on table till 3 o'clock this evening.

Elder Kennedy presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That we approve the present plan to raise a sufficient and permanent endowment for the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and commend to the liberality of our brethren the effort to raise in this State the sum of $25,000, as North Carolina's part of that endowment.

Laid aside for consideration this evening.

On motion, the regular order was suspended, and the above resolutions were taken up for discussion.

Elder R. H. Griffith explained the condition of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and made an appeal in its behalf.

Further remarks made by Elders J. D. Hufham and C. E. Taylor, and, on motion, the resolutions were adopted.

The due order was suspended and the letters from 1st and 2d Churches of Wilmington, and Canaan, were read.

On motion, a committee was appointed to name delegates to other Associations. Committee: J. W. Taylor, J. M. Wooten and George Highsmith.

The report of the Executive Committee was presented.

Pending its adoption, its consideration was set aside for other matters.

Committee on Religious Exercises reported as follows: Elder J. D. Hufham to preach in the Methodist Church, at 3 o'clock this evening; Elder J. W. Taylor in Academy, same hour.

On motion, adjourned till 1:30 o'clock this evening.

Evening Session.—Association called to order by Moderator, who read Psalm 23, and Elder R. C. Sandling offered prayer.

Leave of absence was granted for remainder of session to Brethren Stephen Wells and J. M. Wallace. Bro. William Glisson obtained leave of absence for remainder of session after to-day.

Elder Ivey's resolutions in reference to Wake Forest College were taken up. Remarks by Elders R. H. Griffith, C. E. Taylor, F. H. Ivey, J. D. Hufham and the Moderator.

On motion, the resolutions were adopted.

On motion, the Moderator was made Chairman of the Committee on Endowment Work. Committee: Elders J. L. Stewart, J. B. Taylor, F. H. Ivey, W. M. Kennedy and Bro. J. W. Lane.

Leave of absence was granted Bro. J. S. Bizzell remainder of session.

Consideration of Executive Committee's report being in order, on motion, the rule was suspended and an opportunity was given Bro. Hobgood to present the cause of Raleigh Female Seminary. The claims of the School were briefly presented.

Report of the Executive Committee was briefly discussed by Bro. B. Oliver, Elders J. D. Hufham and W. M. Kennedy. Again laid aside.

Committee on Religious Exercises reported as follows: Missionary Sermon in Baptist Church, to-night, by Elder R. H. Griffith; preaching in Methodist Church by Elder C. E. Taylor; prayer-meeting to-morrow morning, at 9:30 o'clock, in Baptist Church, conducted by Elder R. C. Sandling.

On motion, adjourned till appointed hour to-morrow. Prayer by Elder J. T. Albritton; benediction by Elder C. E. Taylor.

Wednesday night, Elder R. H. Griffith preached the Missionary Sermon from Acts xiii., 2.

THURSDAY MORNING, October 5, 1876.

Prayer-meeting conducted by Elder R. C. Sandling.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Roll called. Proceedings of yesterday read and approved.

An invitation was extended to visiting brethren. None reported.

Elder Kennedy stated that Bro. W. B. Hocut was suddenly called home last night, on account of his family, and had gone; he therefore moved the Brother be excused. The request was granted. Elders J. W. Taylor and R. C. Sandling were granted leave of absence the remainder of the session.

Report of the Executive Committee again considered. It was adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee of the Eastern Association beg leave to submit the following report:

DEAR BRETHREN:—We commenced operations at the beginning of the last Associational year with about $175.00. We have collected, during the time, about $510.00, and expended about $700.00. We owe about $20.00, which amount is due us, and will probably be collected at this session of the Association. We have had in our employment, as Missionaries, Elder W. B. Knight, for the whole of his time, and Elder J. R. Oliver, for one-fourth of his time. We have contributed to the support of Elder G. S. Best, at Trenton, and Elder W. M. Kennedy, at Beaufort, up to December last, and Elder R. C. Sandling since that time, at the latter named place; also, Elder J. B. Barlow, at Peru, in Onslow. Elder J. R. Oliver reports one addition and increased interest at Union, Lenoir county. Elder Best reports six additions and good congregations at Trenton, also fair attendance at Nethercutt's School House, where he has preached occasionally. Elder Sandling reports a great interest at Beaufort, during the year, with 37 additions. Elder Barlow reports 5 additions at Peru. Elder Knight has done very efficient work in his field, and reports very favorably of all his places. Churches have been constituted at White Oak and Rose Hill. Elder Knight reports 22 baptized at White Oak, 5 at Piny Grove, 29 at Enon and 6 at Rose Hill.

From the reading of the letters, you have already learned that several of those Churches have earnestly petitioned that he be again sent to them. He cannot supply all the points that are calling upon him for preaching. We think we have great reason to rejoice for what has already been done, and we are much encouraged to go forward in the further prosecution of this work. Less than twenty years ago there was not a Missionary Baptist Church in Onslow county. To-day there are six Churches, which are almost self-sustaining, besides three outposts calling for regular preaching; and the most of this work has been accomplished within the past five years. We feel that we have done all in our power with the means at our command, and would urge the Association to earnestly endeavor to do more in the missionary field. Two missionaries could supply all of the places that are calling for the "Bread of Life." While some of our Churches have not fully redeemed all of their pledges, yet we are convinced that this is the surest means of raising funds we have ever tried, and recommend the same course to be adopted at this session of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

B. OLIVER, Chairman.

On motion, pledges from Churches to the itinerancy were called for. The responses were as follows: Wilmington 1st, $50; Mt. Holly, $10; Riley's Creek, $10; Canetuck Chapel, $5; Haw Bluff,

$5; Wells' Chapel, $10; New Hope, $10; Boykin's Chapel, $15; Mt. Gilead, $15; Beulah, $5; Piny Grove (Sampson), $20; Canaan, $3; Falling Creek, $5; Mt. Calvary, $4; Fremont, $2; Goldsboro, $10; Mt. Olive, $20; Bear Marsh, $20; Warsaw, $15; Johnson's, $15; Magnolia, $15; Corinth, $5; Island Creek, $5; Hallsville, $5; Union Chapel, $5; *Enon, $100; *Piny Grove (Onslow), $50; Trenton, $5; Newbern, $25; Mary's Chapel, $5; Capernaum, $2; Tar Landing, $25. Total, $476.00.

*These are Churches assisted by the Committee, and the amounts named are their contributions to the Pastor.

The following individual pledges were made: G. A. Herring, $1; K. Vann, $2.50; B. Dillahunt, $2.50; J. M. Wooten, $2.50; Jesse Jackson, $10. Total, $18.50.

Reports of other Standing Committees called for.

The committee appointed last year on direction of Sabbath School work made a verbal report that nothing had been done.

On motion, the matter was given up to the direction of the Union Meeting.

Committee on condition of 2d Church Wilmington, and Chinquepin Church, reported the matters as satisfactorily settled. Report adopted and cases discontinued.

Committee on Education reported. Discussed by Elders Ivey and Griffith and Bro. Joseph W. Taylor. Report adopted.

Amount collected for Education Fund, $57.85.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education report, that inasmuch as considerable time and discussion have already been given to this subject during the present session of this body, they deem it unnecessary to do more than to urge upon the brethren a more cordial and general support of those moral and religious educators that have hitherto received their endorsement—such as the ministry of the Word, the Sabbath School, the "Biblical Recorder," "Kind Words," the High Schools and Colleges in the State that are carried on in the interest of our denomination, and the Theological Seminary at Greenville, S. C.

The wrecks of intellectual greatness stranded upon the shores of time and perdition, warn us against intellectual culture apart from moral and religious training. Thankful to God for so many facilities for the right education of our sons and daughters, let us strive to perpetuate them and augment their power. The impoverished condition of our people renders the general canvass of the claims of these approved educators an imperative duty and necessity. Wealth, one of the chief sources of power, is, at least with our people, a thing of the past. For this reason, we must rely not so much on the rich few as on the poor many, to keep our educational forces moving, so as to increase their momentum.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN T. ALBRITTON,
R. R. BELL,
C. H. SMITH,
Committee.

Committee on Foreign Missions reported. Remarks by Elders Griffith and Albritton. Report adopted.

Collection taken for Foreign Missions, $13.46.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

There has never been a time when the demands of this work were more pressing or the fields more hopeful. As the purposes of the Lord develope, and He opens the nations to the Gospel, we ought to increase more and more in labors and offerings for the evangelization of the world. More than half of our race are still in the darkness of heathendom, and going down to eternal death. Seven hundred millions of immortal souls are yet waiting to be told the good news of salvation through our Lord, Jesus Christ.

"O, when shall these glad tidings spread
The spacious earth around?
When shall these millions of the dead
Alive, in Christ, be found?"

Brethren, let us try to lay a perishing world on our hearts, and do more than we have ever yet done to spread the saving truth through all the earth.

Respectfully submitted,
W. M. KENNEDY,
J. D. ROBERTS,
T. O. KELLY,
Committee.

Committee to nominate Executive Committee submitted report. Adopted. [See page 2.]

On motion, regular order suspended to take vote on locating next session of the Association. Churches petitioning: Boykin's Chapel, Hallsville and Corinth. Decided in favor of Corinth.

Committee to name delegates to other Associations reported as follows: Cape Fear, S. G. Hall, W. M. Kennedy, J. L. Britt; Tar River, B. Oliver, J. P. Faison, Jesse Jackson; Chowan, J. L. Stewart, D. J. Middleton, J. R. Oliver; Raleigh, J. L. Boykin, O. M. Matthews, Thomas Clark; Cedar Creek, G. S. Best, F. M. Carroll, Amos Royall. If these brethren do not go, they are requested to send a letter. Any member of this Association, attending any of these bodies is authorized to represent us. J. W. Taylor, Ch'n.

Adopted.

Finance Committee reported. Adopted.

REPORT.

Association Fund, - - - - - -	$ 97 18
For Foreign Missions, - - - - -	10 20
For Itinerancy, - - - - - -	158 95
Total, - - - - - - -	$266 33

B. Matthews, Chairman.

The following is report of committee to nominate delegates to the Baptist State Convention:

Elders J. L. Stewart, W. Bland, G. S. Best, J. P. Faison, J. L. Britt, C. C. Newton, W. B. Knight, F. H. Ivey, J. B. Taylor, J. N. Stallings, W. M. Kennedy, H. M. Croom, O. M. Matthews, R. C. Sandling, J. W. Taylor, and Brethren B. Oliver, A. R. Herring, G. R. French, R. Highsmith, B. S. Peterson, J. L. Boykin, W. Boyett,

Joel Loftin, L. A. Powell, L. R. Carroll, J. D. Carroll, D. S. Kennedy, D. J. Middleton, G. A. Herring, J. M. Wooten.

JOHN T. ALBRITTON,
K. VANN,
R. HERRING,
} Com.

On motion, Elder Albritton was added to the number of delegates.

Moved and carried, that any member of this Association who may attend the Baptist State Convention may represent us.

Committee on State Missions reported. Adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The Committee on State Missions beg leave to say that the State Convention Board has ten or a dozen men regularly in the field, whose labors have been much blessed during the year. The Committee of this Association has been pushing the work of missions in some of the destitute parts of its territory, according to the means at command, with decided success. Will not every member of this Association *pray* and *work* himself up to the *full measure* of his duty in the work of missions, immediately?

J. D. HUFHAM,
G. S. BEST,
F. M. CARROLL,
} Committee.

Committee on Periodicals reported. Remarks by Elder Hufham and Bro. B. Oliver. Report adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The *Biblical Recorder* is worthy of our patronage and ought to be in every Baptist family. Let us all subscribe for it. *Kind Words* is the paper for our children and Sunday Schools, and should have a liberal support.

F. H. IVEY,
W. B. HOCUT,
V. N. SEAWELL,
} Committee.

Report on Temperance submitted. Adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to submit the following report: We denounce the making, sale, and use of this poisonous fluid as a beverage. Alcohol brings into our midst, and into our Churches, discontent and misery. The Scriptures clearly and positively forbid its use to excess, and say "no drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of heaven." The Apostle Paul declares, that if eating meat would make a brother to offend, he would eat no more meat. Then, if drinking cause a brother to offend, let us drink not. "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." Let us, as Christ's followers, not tamper with that which is so deceptive, and so injurious to the Christian cause. Let us, as *Baptists*, take a decided stand against intemperance. We would recommend to this body the following for adoption:

Resolved, That, as Baptists, we will endeavor to carry out by precept and example, the Scripture teaching in reference to temperance.

Respectfully submitted,

G. S. BEST,
B. OLIVER,
R. C. SANDLING,
} Committee.

Auditing Committee submitted report. Adopted.

REPORT OF FORMER TREASURER OF ASSOCIATION.

JOHN D. DAVIS, *Treasurer Eastern Baptist Association, in account with same*, 1875–'76 :

To am't received from Finance Committee of last session,		$322 64
By am't paid D. J. Middleton, Treas. Ex. Com., Itinerant Fund, as per receipt, - - - -	$176 72	
By am't paid Treas. Baptist State Convention, for Foreign Missions, as per receipt, - - -	50 34	
By am't paid same for Beneficiaries Wake Forest College, - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	5 00	
By am't paid Clerk, Minute Fund, as per receipt,	90 58	
		$322 64

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN D. DAVIS, Treasurer.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

D. J. MIDDLETON, *Treasurer Executive Committee:*

To am't left on hand last session of Association,	$175.47
Kenansville Church,	2.50
Kinston "	20.00
Falling Creek "	6.00
Bear Marsh "	15.00
Ebenezer "	1.00
Rose Hill "	25.00
Piny Grove " Onslow,	35.91
Enon "	48.30
Riley's Creek "	15.00
Mt. Holly "	10.20
Well's Chapel,	7.71
Collection at Hallsville,	4.40
Haw Bluff,	10.00
Berea,	2.75
Boykin's Chapel,	7.05
Hallsville,	4.62
Dobson's Chapel,	5.00
Collection at Berea,	3.50
C. E. French, Treas. S. S. Mis. Soc'y, Wilmington,	25.00
Lisbon Church,	3.37
Collection Moore's Creek,	9.45
Long Creek,	1.00
Shiloh,	2.50
Bethlehem,	4.50
Canetuck Chapel, old pledge	5.00
Same, on new pledge,	2.00
New Hope,	5.00
Mt. Calvary,	4.00
Beulah,	2.25
Wilmington 1st,	25.00
Piny Grove, Sampson,	10.30
Rowan,	5.00
Mount Olive,	11.00
Warsaw,	12.18
Johnson's,	19.85
Magnolia,	2.30
Concord,	2.00
Island Creek,	4.35
Trenton,	5.00
Union,	15.00
Piny Grove, Jones,	8.00
Canaan,	2.00
Collection at Association,	13.64
	$703.10

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Am't p'd W. B. Knight,	$497.10
" " J. R. Oliver,	62.50
" " G. S. Best,	37.50
" " W. M. Kennedy,	8.00
" " D. C. Middleton,	5.00
" " R. C. Sandling,	75.00
" " J. B. Barlow,	18.00
	$703.10

The committee to audit accounts of Treasurer of Association and Treasurer of Executive Committee, report that they find them correct. Respectfully submitted,

T. O. KELLY,
S. M. CARLTON,
JAMES M. LEE,
} Com.

On motion, Treasurer of Association was directed to pay Treasurer Baptist State Convention amount collected for Foreign Missions.

On motion, adjourned for dinner.

EVENING SESSION.—Re-assembled. Association called to order by Moderator.

Committee on Sabbath Schools reported. Adopted.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

It is our painful duty to report a decline of interest in the Sabbath School work since the last session of this Association—more painful when we consider the great spiritual blessings God has poured out upon us. Last year, 24 schools were reported, numbering 190 teachers and officers and 1,569 pupils. The letters from the Churches show now the same number of schools, but a falling off in pupils and teachers. Some schools which appeared to be in a flourishing condition, seem to have died, as no mention is made of them. Your Committee would earnestly urge upon the delegates present the importance of more zeal in this department of Christian labor. Let all return to their Churches and organize Sabbath Schools at once. Respectfully submitted,

A. C. DIXON,
W. BLAND,
O. P. MIDDLETON,
| Committee.

Committee to revise list of Trustees of Warsaw High School reported. Adopted. [See page 2.]

Committee on Obituaries reported. Adopted.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

The Committee on Obituaries beg leave to report that, since our last meeting, death has removed from our midst some of the most faithful and earnest workers belonging to this body. Elder Alfred Guy died at his residence, in Duplin county, on the 26th of May last, aged 71 years. In his youth and earlier manhood, he was much given to the pleasures of the world, and enjoyed a sort of pre-eminence among his acquaintances for his utter disregard of the claims and restraints of religion. He was an open scoffer. It was not until he had reached his 40th year, that he became the subject of renewing grace. He immediately began to work for Jesus, but with many struggles and misgivings. He was led into the ministry by relating his remarkable experience, reading the Scriptures, and praying and talking to people in meetings held from house to house. After a while, his brethren thought he ought to be ordained ; but being poor and without education, he refused to go forward. The Spirit of the Lord was leading him, and at the age of 43 years he was ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry. The Executive Committee of this Association at once sent him forth as an Evangelist, in which work he continued several years with most gracious results. Advancing years and the demands of the Churches, drew him into the pastorate, in which relation he was also greatly blessed of the Lord. He was mighty in the Scriptures and in prayer. He was a man of great energy, quiet and unassuming in his deportment, and dignified in his bearing ; but he was uniformly cheerful in spirit and always easy of access. It was in the pulpit that he appeared to the best advantage. As he warmed with his subject, the whole man was transformed, and the homely eloquence of his appeals to sinners seemed to be irresistible. His sufferings in his last sickness, though long and severe, were borne with that meekness and patience which characterized his whole Christian life. His last moments were calm and peaceful, and we hope he has gone beyond the reach of sorrow, to eternally praise his Redeemer, who died for him and rose again. Let us ever cherish his memory, imitate his example and strive to meet him in the better world.

Brother Zaccheus Slade, a deacon of the Baptist Church of Newbern, and one of its oldest and most devoted members, has been called to his reward in heaven. For a full and able account of the life and eminent services of this truly good and faithful man, we refer to an

extended biographical sketch of him published in a recent number of the *Biblical Recorder*.

The Church in Goldsboro has lost a valuable member in the death of Bro. E. Peterson, who was for 40 years a pious and consistent member of the Church. He has left behind him a spotless name.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. KENNEDY, }
J. P. FAISON, } Committee.

A collection was taken for the widow of Elder Guy, which amount was ordered to be put in the minutes. Amount collected, $5 25.

The following is the report of the Committee to Nominate Stated Preachers for next session: Introductory Sermon, Elder F. H. Ivey; alternate, Elder J. N. Stallings. Missionary Sermon, Elder J. B. Taylor; alternate, Elder J. W. Taylor. Adopted.

Bro. V. N. Seawell offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are hereby tendered the citizens of Mount Olive, and the surrounding community, for the very efficient manner in which they have extended their hospitality to the delegates and visitors to this Association; also, to the various lines of Railroads for passing delegates at reduced fare, and to the Pastor and Officers of the Methodist Church and Trustees of the Academy, for their courtesy in granting the use of their buildings during this session of our body. Adopted.

On motion, the name of Woodington Church, which has become extinct, was ordered to be erased from our list of Churches.

Moved by Elder A. C. Dixon, that Elder J. K. Howell, our State Sunday School Missionary, be invited to visit and work among the Churches of this Association. Carried.

On motion, the Treasurer of the Association was ordered to pay the Clerk $25.00 for his services; also, pay for printing and distribution of the minutes, and give whatever amount may remain to the Executive Committee for Missions.

The business being completed, the Association adjourned to meet at Corinth Church, Duplin county, Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1877.

J. L. STEWART, Moderator.

J. R. Oliver, Clerk.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	No. Teachers.	No. Pupils.	Volumes in Library.
Wilmington 1st	James H. Taylor	16	186	500
Mt. Holly	Isaiah Carroll	4	25	....
Riley's Creek	Major Clark	3	20	4
Moore's Creek	.....	....	....	....
Long Creek	J. H. Brinson	3	55	23
Shiloh	H. D. Marshburn	7	112	100
Bethlehem	D. P. Bland	6	45	....
Canetuck Chapel	R. H. Kelly	4	23	....
Haw Bluff	A. J.Bordeaux, G.W.Russ	6	70	....
Rowan	J. P. Stringfield	5	42	50
Clinton	Reports Union School	....	....	....
Brown's	James Shipp	5	75	....
Mt. Calvary	G. F. Parker	4	27	....
Goldsboro	J. N. Greene, Mrs. S. D. Petteway,	13	117	200
Mt. Olive Mission	C. C. Taylor,	15	99	125
White Oak School	J. L. Tew,	6	46	....
Bear Marsh Mission	Owen Hargrove,	4	37	....
Mayesville School	R. J. Walker,	5	37	....
Warsaw	I. Brown	....	25	....
Magnolia	J. W. Swinson	6	30	100
Berea	V. N. Seawell	7	65	50
Piny Grove (Onslow)	A. H. Humphrey	3	47	....
Kinston	E. F. Cox	4	60	150
Newbern	C. C. Clark	19	197	360
Smyrna	Reports Union School	....	....	....
Canaan	.....	....	77	....

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	When Constituted.	Additions.				Diminutions			Membership.				Time of Meeting.
		Baptized.	By Letter.	Experience.	Restored.	By Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	White Males.	White Females.	Colored.	Total.	
1 Wilmington 1st,		37	12		4	18	2	3	96	219		315	2 times Sab.
2 Wilmington 2d,	1870												
3 Mt. Holly,		5	1			3	1	1	33	72	5	110	1st Sabbath.
4 Riley's Creek,		8	3		2	5	1	1	37	68		105	3d "
5 Long Creek,	1871	27	3		3	1	3	1	44	57		101	1st "
6 Moore's Creek,		12											4th "
7 Shiloh,	1853	8	1		4	3	1	1	41	91		132	3d "
8 Bethlehem,			7					1	31	68		99	2d "
9 Canetuck Chapel,		6	1			3	3	1	29	38		67	1st "
10 Haw Bluff,	1859	25	2			1	1		42	66		108	3d "
11 Well's Chapel,	1751					1	1		71	115		186	3d "
12 New Hope,		71	4			8	1	4	92	130		222	2d & 4th Sab.
13 Lisbon,								1	39	55		94	1st Sabbath.
14 Ebenezer,	1867								31	31		62	No preaching.
15 Boykin's Chapel,	1846	1				4			47	76		123	4th Sabbath.
16 Mt. Gilead,			3			4	2	2	41	85		126	3d "
17 Rowan,	1759					2	5		25	62		87	2d "
18 Clinton,	1855					1	1	2	19	44		63	3d "
19 Piny Grove, Samp	1846	3	3				1	1	58	122	17	197	2d "
20 Beulah,	1814												
21 Brown's,		23	3			2			41	69		110	4th "
22 Canaan,		5						1				20	1st "
23 Falling Creek,							2		11	28		38	
24 Mt. Calvary,	1875	3	1			4			8	8		16	3d "
25 Fremont,	1875					1			2	2		4	No preaching.
26 Goldsboro,		3	6		2	8	7	5	47	119		166	2 times Sab.
27 Mt. Olive,	1869		9				2		47	84		131	2d Sabbath.
28 Bear Marsh,	1763		2			6	5	2	54	121		175	1st & 3d Sab.
29 Mary's Chapel,	1875												
30 Warsaw,	1855	68	10		5		4	1	76	142		218	" "
31 Johnson's,						10	1	2	40	94	20	154	1st Sabbath.
32 Kenansville,							1	2	24	52		76	No Pastor.
33 Magnolia,		26	2		2	7	1	7	70	108		178	4th Sabbath.
34 Concord,	1825		4		1	2	2		33	63	27	123	1st "
35 Corinth,	1850	10	1		4	1	1	1	32	48		80	4th "
36 Berea,	1844	3	5		2		1		22	41		63	2d "
37 Dobson's Chapel,	1867	4				5		2	20	46		66	Sat. before 3d.
38 Island Creek,	1803	14	4			3			48	90		138	1st Sabbath.
39 Hallsville,	1807	33	3		1	2	2	1	43	87		130	4th "
40 Union Chapel,		3				4		1	13	54		67	4th "
41 Jacksonville,		2							14	40		54	1st "
42 Rose Hill,	1876												
43 Enon,		26			1		1		17	34		51	2d "
44 Piny Grove, Ons.,		6			1	3	2		15	20		35	1st "
45 Capernaum,	1876												
46 Trenton,	1870	3							7	16		23	2d "
47 Kinston,	1817	24	4		3	3		1	24	32		56	No Pastor.
48 La-Grange,		2				1			24	35		69	2d Sabbath.
49 Union,		1							3	21		24	2d "
50 Newbern,		50	9			3	2	3	47	115		162	Every "
51 Beaufort,		28	2					2	49	56		97	Every "
52 Morehead City,	1873	2	3					1	4	16		20	3d "
53 Smyrna,		21			1		4		28	64		92	1st "
54 Davis' Shore,		23			2	3						112	3d "
		586	108	00	38	122	61	51	2639	3104	69	4944	

EXPLANATION.—The Clerk regrets that he cannot find the letters from Wilmington 2d Church, Beulah, Piny Grove (Jones), Mary's Chapel, Capernaum and Rose Hill. The Finance Committee and the Committee on Sabbath Schools had all of the letters during the session, and the Clerk never opened them until he commenced preparing the minutes for the press. He has made diligent search for them, and is confident he did not lose them. He has endeavored to get the statistics, but could not procure them in time.

PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND P. O.	CLERKS AND P. O.
NEW HANOVER COUNTY.		
Wilmington 1st,	J. B. Taylor, Wilmington,	J W Collins, Wilmington
Wilmington 2d,	No Pastor.	
PENDER COUNTY.		
Mt. Holly,	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia,	Isaiah Carroll, South Washington
Riley's Creek,	" "	W W Larkins, Long Creek
Long Creek,	J. B. Barlow, Wilmington,	J H Brinson do
Moore's Creek,	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store,	G W Woodcock, Point Caswell
Shiloh,	C. C. Newton, Herringsville,	H S Averitt, Moore's Creek
Bethlehem,	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store,	B F Keith, Point Caswell
Canetuck Chapel,	" "	W J Flinn, do
BLADEN COUNTY.		
Haw Bluff,	" "	O M Barnhill, do
SAMPSON COUNTY.		
Well's Chapel,	J. L. Stewart, Clinton,	L R Highymith, Harrell's Store
Bethel,	C. C. Newton, Herringsville,	
New Hope,	J. L. Britt, Warsaw,	J L Carroll, Six Runs
Lisbon,	J. L. Stewart, Clinton,	R Herring, Herringsville
Ebenezer,	No Pastor.	R Highsmith, Warrensville
Boykin's Chapel,	J. L. Stewart, Clinton,	A Robinson, Clinton
Mt. Gilead,	J. N. Stallings, Magnolia,	John J Vann, do
Rowan,	H. J. Duncan, Clinton,	J D Duncan, do
Clinton,	J. N. Stallings, Magnolia,	C P Johnson, do
Beulah,	J. L. Britt, Warsaw,	
Piny Grove, Samp	J. L. Stewart, Clinton,	J W Lane, Faison
Brown's,	H. S. Spivey, "	T W Britt, Clinton
Canaan,	John T. Albritton, Mt. Olive,	
WAYNE COUNTY.		
Falling Creek,	" "	W B Hood, Jr., Dudley
Mt. Calvary,	C. J. Nelson, Goldsboro,	G W Parker, do
Fremont,	No Pastor.	Thomas Clark, Fremont
Goldsboro,	F. H. Ivey, Goldsboro,	J M Hollowell, Goldsboro
Mt. Olive,	J. N. Stallings, Magnolia,	J D Roberts, Mount Olive
DUPLIN COUNTY.		
Bear Marsh,	J. R. Oliver, Mount Olive,	B J Millard, do
Mary's Chapel,	G. S. Best, Kenansville,	
Johnson's,	G. W. Hufham, Warsaw,	O P Middleton, Warsaw
Warsaw,	J. L. Britt, "	S M Carlton, do
Kenansville,	No Pastor.	D J Middleton, Kenansville
Magnolia,	J. N. Stallings, Magnolia,	G W Carroll, do
Concord,	" "	L R Matthews, Rose Hill
Corinth,	W. M. Kennedy, "	I J Johnson, Rockfish
Berea,	H. M. Croom, Wallace,	V N Seawell, Wallace
Island Creek,	" "	H T Savage, do
Dobson's Chapel,	G. S. Best, Kenansville,	J P Tucker, Kenansville
Hallsville,	H. M. Croom, Wallace,	D B Brown, do
ONSLOW COUNTY.		
Union Chapel,	E. A. Best, Richlands,	John Marshburn, Cath. Lake
Rose Hill,	W. B. Knight, Swansboro,	
Jacksonville,	E. A. Best, Richlands,	S M Clants
Enon,	W. B. Knight, Swansboro,	L O Fonveille, Duck Creek
Piny Grove, Ons.,	" "	J F Holland, Swansboro
Capernaum,	" "	
JONES COUNTY.		
Trenton,	G. S. Best, Kenansville,	L H Mallard, Trenton
Piny Grove,	" "	
LENOIR COUNTY.		
Kinston,	No Pastor.	W F Stanly, Kinston
La-Grange,	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia,	R L Wooten, LaGrange
Union,	J. R. Oliver, Mount Olive,	W E Sutton, Kinston
CRAVEN COUNTY.		
Fort Barnwell,	G. S. Best,	
Newbern,	J. W. Taylor, Newbern,	T J Latham, Newbern
CARTERET COUNTY.		
Beaufort,	R. C. Sandling, Beaufort,	J D Davis, Beaufort
Smyrna,	T. J. Leary, Beaufort,	Isa Davis, Beaufort
Morehead City,	Jacob Utley, Morehead City,	J Utley, Morehead City
Davis' Shore,	T. J. Leary, Beaufort,	R L Paul, Beaufort

CONSTITUTION OF THE EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the Eastern Association.

ART. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ART. 3. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates, who shall be members of that church.

ART. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter, certifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the state of the church; *Provided, however*, That when any church has prepared a letter and through inadvertence the letter fails to be presented, her delegates may be received without its presentation.

ART. 5, The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen from among its members by ballot, by a majority of the members voting, and continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session and superintend their printing and distribution among the churches.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

ART. 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee of seven members, which committee shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and Colportage. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and during intervals between the meetings of this body to receive and disburse funds for those objects and to take such steps for their advancement as they shall deem advisable, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings.

ART. 10. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of her churches which neglect to preserve gospel order.

ART. 11. The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of the body except that of voting.

ART. 12. The annual session of this Association shall commence on Tuesday after the first Lord's day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

ART. 13. By appointment of the Association, there shall be an Introductory Sermon of a denominational character, and a Missionary Sermon.

ART. 14. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence, a chairman *pro tem.* shall be elected.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.

3. At each daily session, and previous to proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proseedings of the previous daily sessions read.

4. The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak shall arise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.

7. All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer before discussion

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after its discussion.

9. When a question is under discussion, no motion or proposition shall be received, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

10. After a motion is decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the presiding officer, and no one shall take final leave of absence without the permission of the Association, and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the minutes.

12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes

13. The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to consideration.

14. The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a majority of votes.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading Church Letters and enrolling delegates.
2. Election of Officers.
3. Call for Petitionary Letters.
4. Appointment of Committees.
5. Appointment of Corresponding Delegates.
6. Reports of Standing Committees.
7. Reports of other Committees.
8. Report of Trustees of Ministers' Relief Society.
9. Report of Treasurer.
10. Miscellaneous Business.
11. Incidental and routine motions shall be in order at any time.
12. Adjournment.

RULES OF DECORUM FOR THE CHURCHES.

1. We will hold at least four Conference meetings in the year for the transaction of business; also special meetings whenever requisite.

2. The names of the members shall be called at every regular meeting, and there shall be due notice taken of the absence of those who discover a disposition to absent themselves.

3. At every Conference, the pastor, in his right of office, shall preside as Moderator; and in case of his absence, the Conference shall appoint a Moderator *pro tem.*, who shall open Conference by devotional exercises.

4. The Clerk shall keep a church book, in which all the proceedings of the Conference shall be faithfully transcribed, and at every regular meeting the minutes of the preceding meeting shall be read immediately after the names are called.

5. An invitation shall be given to brethren of our faith and order to sit with us in Conference, who shall enjoy all the privileges of the meeting except that of voting.

6. Every subject for the consideration of the Conference shall be introduced by a motion, which, when seconded, shall be debated and acted upon, unless withdrawn by the mover.

7. Every speaker shall rise and address the Moderator by the appellation of brother, and shall confine his remarks to the subject under debate, and shall not be allowed to speak more than twice on one subject unless by permission of the Church.

8. No member shall withdraw from the Conference without the permission of the Moderator.

9. It shall be required that in matters of difference between members, before complaint is made to the Church, the aggrieved party shall have duly attended to the instructions of the Lord, Matt. 18th chapter, 16th, 17th and 18th verses, and public offences or such as operate against the peace of the church, shall be the subject of discipline.

10. All questions submitted to the Conference shall be decided by a majority of votes, except receiving members to fellowship; and any question may be reconsidered upon the motion of any who may vote in the affirmative.

11. The Moderator shall propound all questions for vote—shall keep the speakers to the subject under debate—may express his own views, after others are done speaking, and see that these rules are faithfully observed.

12. These Rules of Decorum may be altered or amended by a vose of two-thirds of the whole Church.

Resolved, That this Association recommend the adoption of the foregoing rules to all the Churches that comprise this body.

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ELDER J. L. STEWART, MODERATOR, Clinton.
ELDER J. L. BRITT, CLERK, Warsaw.
ISAIAH CARROLL, TREASURER, South Washington.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

B. OLIVER, CHAIRMAN, Mount Olive.
D. J. MIDDLETON, SEC. & TREAS., Warsaw.
KEDAR VANN, L. R. CARROLL, J. W. LANE,
J. M. WOOTEN, L. R. HIGHSMITH.

TRUSTEES OF WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL:

L. R. CARROLL,	ISAAC BROWN,	THOS. J. SMITH,
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F. M. CARROLL,	E. J. CORRELL,	WILLIAM BOYETT
H. SYKES,	I. W. HERRING,	S. H. GAVIN.

ORDAINED MINISTERS:

J. B. TAYLOR, Wilmington.	J. L. STEWART, Clinton.
J. B. BARLOW, "	H. J. DUNCAN, "
C. C. NEWTON, Herringsville.	O. M. MATTHEWS, "
J. P. FAISON, Harrell's Store.	J. T. ALBRITTON, Mt. Olive.
WM. BLAND, "	J. R. OLIVER, "
H. M. CROOM, Wallace.	F. H. IVEY, Goldsboro.
J. N. STALLINGS, Magnolia.	C. J. NELSON, "
W. M. KENNEDY, "	R. C. SANDLING, Beaufort.
G. S. BEST, Kenansville.	J. T. LEARY, "
G. W. HUFHAM, Warsaw.	J. UTLEY, Morehead City.
J. L. BRITT, "	E. A. BEST, Richlands.

W. B. KNIGHT, Swansboro.

PROCEEDINGS.

CORINTH CHURCH, DUPLIN CO., N. C., Oct 9th 1877.

The Eastern Association convened according to appointment.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder F. H. Ivey, Matt. xxi: 9.

After an intermission of one hour the Association assembled for business.

The Moderator read Psalm 121, and Elder J. R. Oliver offered prayer.

On motion a Committee of Finance was appointed. Committee: Brethren B. F. Mitchell, J. L. Boykin and B. Matthews.

On motion, a committee was appointed on Devotional Exercises. Committee: Elder W. M. Kennedy, Deacons J. K. Williams, T. H. Rogers, Lewis Peterson, J. C. Williams, D. S. Register, Joseph Boon, J. M. Wooten and B. Oliver.

Brethren V. N. Seawell and L. R. Carroll were appointed Reading Clerks.

Committee on Devotional Exercise presented the following report:

Elder J. K. Howell to preach at the stand this evening; Association to meet to-morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock; preaching at 10 o'clock by Elder J. D. Hufham; Missionary Sermon at 12 o'clock by Elder J. B. Taylor.

Proceeded to read the Church letters. On motion, the letter from Wilmington Second Church was laid on the table.

The following names were enrolled as delegates.

WILMINGTON 1st—Elder J. B. Taylor, B. F. Mitchell.
WILMINGTON 2nd—J. P. King, Williamson Hurst.
MT. HOLLY—Isaiah Carroll, K. F. Powers, T Bowen.
RILEY'S CREEK—Joel Hines, W. B. Hocut, J. D. Mohn.
LONG CREEK—I. H. Brinson.
MOORE'S CREEK—G. W. Woodcock, J. E. Woodcock, I. N. Alderman.
SHILOH—Jno. T. Bland, G. A. Herring, W. J. Herring.
BETHLEHEM—B. F. Keith, D. P. Bland, F. W. Pridgen.
CANETUCK CHAPEL—T. O. Flinn.
HAW BLUFF—G. W. Horwell, W. F. Brown, R. T. Brown.
WELL'S CHAPEL—S. J. Faison, L. K. Taylor, L. R. Highsmith.
BETHEL—Joseph Alderman, H. J. Page, William Powell.

New Hope—L. R. Carroll, A. J. Daniel.
Lisbon—I. M. Fennell, D. S. Matthews, R. Herring.
Ebenezer—Geo. Highsmith, W. R. Highsmith.
Boykin's Chapel—J. L. Boykin, L. M. Boykin.
Mt. Gilead—B. Matthews, L. A. Powell, D. B. Alderman.
Rowan—Stephen Boon, I. F. Duncan, J. D. Lewis.
Clinton—Elder J. L. Stewart, H. A. Beaman, Ashley Peterson.
Beulah—G. Chute, W. J. Moore, Elder J. L. Britt.
Piney Grove (Sampson)—W. I. Lane, F. Weeks, J. C. Hobbs.
Brown's—Elder H. J. Duncan. J. E. Britt, G. W. Highsmith.
Fremont—Elder W. B. Knight.
Goldsboro—Elder F. H. Ivey.
Mt. Olive—W. S. Ellmore, O. Summerlin, Joel Loftin.
Bear Marsh—B. Oliver, C. W. Swinson.
Mary's Chapel—Elder G. S. Best.
Kenansville—Robert Bryan, D. J. Middleton, B. C. Bowden.
Johnson's—Elder W. M. Kennedy, W. H. Best, O. P. Middleton.
Warsaw—A. M. Faison, W. C. Carlton, Frank Bovett.
Magnolia—Elder G. W. Hufham, Elder J. N. Stallings, J. D. Carroll.
Concord—D. D. Wells, W. M. Drew, Hosea Alderman.
Corinth—J. K. Williams, S. P. Register, T. H. Rogers.
Berea—R. J. Johnson, D. H. Murray, V. N. Seawell.
Island Creek—John Savage, F. Brice, J. M. Wallace.
Dobson's Chapel—A. Kilpatrick, O. D. Bostick, J. P. Tucker.
Hallsville—E. W. Farrier, Festus Kennedy, Amos Grisham.
Union Chapel—John Marshburn.
Rose Hill—T. J. Jarman, D. N. Page, W. P. Kelley.
Enon—Dr. E. W. Ward, B. F. Provoer. B. Ward.
Capernaum—A. J. Hurst. Jno. R. White, D. A. Riggs.
Piney Grove (Jones)—B. F. Dillahunt.
Kinston—Elder J. K. Howell, J. M. Wooten.
Newbern—F. W. Hancock.
Salem—J. R. Marshall.
LaGrange, Falling Creek, Mt. Calvary, Union and Morehead City—Represented by letter.
Middle Sound, Pleasant Hill, Mt. Zion, Canaan, Chinquepin, Jacksonville, Piney Grove (Onslow), Trenton, Tuckahoe, Fort Barnwell, Beaufort, Smyrna, Davis' Shore, Young Bethel and Woodville—Not represented.

On motion, the letter from Shiloh was referred to the Committee on Obituaries.

Letter from Piney Grove, Sampson, petitioning for the next session of Association, laid on the table.

On motion, Brown's Church was granted a letter of dismission to join a new Association.

On motion, letters from Fremont, Union Chapel, Capernaum and Rose Hill were referred to the Executive Committee.

Letter from Newbern petitioning for next session of the Association laid on the table.

On motion, delegates from Hallsville were recognized, as no letter appeared, which they stated had been prepared.

On motion, the name of Bro. A. J. Daniel was recorded as delegate from New Hope, in the place of one who was absent.

Proceeded to election of officers for the ensuing year.

The following tellers were appointed: For Moderator,

brethren S. J. Faison and J. W. Lane; for Clerk, S. M. Carlton and C. H. Smith; for Treasurer, O. P. Middleton and L. R. Highsmith.

The present Clerk being ineligible by not being a delegate, Elder F. H. Ivey offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Association, that under the Constitution as it now reads, none but members of this body are eligible as officers of the same.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended, and visiting brethren were invited to announce themselves. The following reported themselves: Elder E. Dodson, Agent of the Home Mission Board Southern Baptist Convention and for the Mission Board of the North Carolina Baptist Convention; Elder J. D. Hufham, Agent for Endowment of Wake Forest College, and Representative of *Biblical Recorder*; Prof. L. R. Mills, Agent of Education Board of North Carolina Baptist Convention; Prof F. P. Hobgood, Principal Raleigh Baptist Female Seminary.

On motion, fee of Clerk was fixed at $15 00.

The following report of election was made: Elder J. L. Stewart re-elected Moderator; Elder J. L. Britt, Clerk; Bro. Isaiah Carroll, re-elected Treasurer.

On motion, adjourned till appointed hour to-morrow.

Closed with prayer by Elder J. D. Hufham.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, October 10th, 1877.

Devotional Exercises conducted by Bro. J. D. Carroll.

Roll called. Proceedings of yesterday read and approved.

Elder Kennedy placed on the table catalogues of Raleigh Baptist Female Seminary.

Petitionary letters called for. Letter from Salem Church, Onslow Co., was presented and, on motion, was received and names of their delegates enrolled.

The Moderator welcomed the delegates as members of this body.

The appointment of Committees being next in order the Association proceeded to that business. The following are the Committees:

Periodicals—Elder J. N. Stallings, A. J. Daniel, A. M. Faison.
Education—Prof. L. R. Mills, S. J. Faison, Jno. T. Bland.
Foreign Missions—Elder E. Dodson, J. L. Boykin, L. R. Highsmith.
State and Home Missions—Elder F. H. Ivey, B. F. Mitchell, Elder H. J. Duncan.
Sunday Schools—Elder J. B. Taylor, G. Chute, Robert Bryan.
Temperance—Elder W. B. Knight, Elder Jno. R. Oliver, J. D. Carroll,

Obituaries—Elder W. M. Kennedy, Elder J. K. Howell, Dr. E. W. Ward.

Audit Accounts of Treasurer Association and Treasurer Executive Committee—W. B. Hocut, S. M Carlton, L. A. Powell.

Revise List of Trustees of Warsaw High School—Elder G. S. Best, David Alderman, Elder H. M. Croom.

Nominate Executive Committee—Elder W. M. Kennedy, Joel Hines, Jas. K. Williams.

Nominate Delegates to Baptist State Convention—Joel Loftin, G. A. Herring, Jas. M. Wooten.

Nominate Preachers Stated Sermons—Elder J. P. Faison, G. W. Highsmith, B. F. Keith.

Letter from Hallsville was read and, on motion, was laid on the table.

On motion, the Moderator was authorized to appoint delegates to Associations with which we correspond.

On motion, the report of the Executive Committee was made the special order for to-morrow, 10 o'clock.

On motion, the report of Ministers' Relief Society was made the special order for 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Treasurer offered his report which, on motion, was referred to Auditing Committee.

Committee on Home Missions reported and, on motion, the report was referred back to the Committee in order to include State Missions. By motion, it was decided that hereafter it should be called Committee on Home and State Missions.

On motion, Warsaw High School was made special order for 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Committee on Sabbath Schools reported. Remarks by brethren B. F. Mitchell, G. Chute, J. M. Wooten and Elder E. Dodson.

On motion, the report was referred back to the Committee and Bro. J. M. Wooten added to the Committee.

Association adjourned to hear Missionary Sermon by Elder J. B. Taylor, text, Mal. 1:11.

Evening Session.

Association called to order by Moderator. Elder H. M. Croom read Psalm 71, and offered prayer.

The Committee to nominate Executive Committee reported as follows: B. Oliver, D. J. Middleton, Kedar Vann, L. R. Carroll, J. W. Lane, J. M. Wooten and L. R. Highsmith.

On motion, report of Ministers' Relief Society was made the special order for to-morrow immediately after consideration of report of Executive Committee.

The Finance Committee presented the following report. Adopted.

REPORT.

CHURCHES.	Itineracy.	Minute Fund.	Foreign Mission.	Home Mission.	State Mission.
Wilmington, 1st,	$ 25 00	$ 5 00			
Mt. Holly,	3 50	2 00			
Wilmington, 2nd,		1 50			
Riley's Creek,	6 40	2 50			
Long Creek,	2 00	90			
Moore's Creek,	5 00	2 00	1 61		
Shiloh,	3 10	1 50			
Bethlehem,	8 35	2 00	5 50		
Canetuck Chapel,	5 00	1 50	1 50		1 50
Haw Bluff,	5 00	2 00	2 25		
Well's Chapel,	4 65	3 00	4 72		
Bethel,		2 20			
New Hope,	4 00	2 05			
Mt. Gilead,		3 00			
Lisbon,		1 50			
Ebenezer,		1 00			
Boykin's Chapel,	10 00	2 50			
Rowan,		1 50			
Clinton,		1 50			
Beulah,	5 00	75			
Brown's,		2 00			
Piney Grove, Sampson	9 00	2 00			
Falling Creek,	4 25	1 00			
Fremont,	2 00	50			
Mt. Calvary,	3 85	50	2 45		
Goldsboro,		2 00			
Mt. Olive,	8 00	2 00			
Bear Marsh,		2 50			
Mary's Chapel,	5 00	1 50			
Kenansville,	5 35	2 25			
Johnson's,	10 00	2 20			
Warsaw,		1 50			7 50
Concord,	3 25	2 00			
Corinth,	5 00	1 40			
Magnolia,	3 50	2 50			
Berea,	1 45	1 90	1 65		
Hallsville,	1 25	2 00	5 50		
Island Creek,	5 00	2 22			
Rose Hill,		1 00			
Enon,		1 00			
Capernaum,		1 00			
Piney Grove, Jones,		2 00			
Kinston,	2 38	2 50			
Union,		25			
Newbern,		3 00		15 00	
Morehead City,		50			
LaGrange,		2 00			
Salem,		1 50			
Dobson's Chapel,	1 00	70			
Totals,	157 28	87 37	25 18	15 00	9 00

B. F. MITCHELL, Chairman.

Committee on Periodicals reported as follows. Adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committe on Periodicals submit the following: The *Biblical Recorder*, our State denominational organ, is entitled to the cordial support of our people and ought to be in every Baptist family in our State. It is eminently sound and always reliable, and is ably edited and managed. Our Missionary Organ, the *Foreign Journal*, published at Richmond, Va., and our Sunday School paper, *Kind Words*, published at Macon, Ga., are cordially endorsed and earnestly commended, and ought to have a place in every Baptist house and Sunday School.

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. STALLINGS,
A. J. DANIEL,
A. M. FAISON. } Committee.

The hour having arrived for the consideration of Warsaw High School, it was taken up.

S. J. Faison offered the following resolution, which was discussed at some length and lost:

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed, whose duty shall be to dispose of, publicly or privately as deemed best, the lot and building known as the Warsaw High School, and pay over the proceeds of the sale thereof, to the Agent for Endowment of Wake Forest College.

Elder F. H. Ivey offered the following, which was passed.

Resolved, That the delegates to this Association, be requested to lay the matter of the sale of the Warsaw High School, before their Churches and request them to indicate their wishes to this Association through their delegates next year.

Moved that the Committee on Education modify their report so as to include Ministerial Education, and that it be made the special order for to-morrow immediately after all other special orders are disposed of.

Auditing Committee reported:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

CORINTH CHURCH, Oct. 10th 1877.

ISAIAH CARROLL, *Treasurer Eastern Association, in Account*, 1876–'77:

To am't received of Finance Committee of last session,	$266 33
" collected for Education,	57 85
" " for Foreign Missions	13 46
	$337 64

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By am't paid Treasurer of Executive Committee for Itinerancy,	$160 33
" " " " Baptist State Convention for Foreign Missions	23 46
By am't paid same for Education,	57 85
" " Clerk for services,	25 00
" " " for Minute Fund,	71 00
	$337 64

We, the Auditing Committee, report that we have examined the Treasurer's account, and find it correct up to date, Oct. 10th, 1877.

W. B. HOCUT, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

October 10th, 1877.

DR.

To amount paid by Bro. R. F. Peterson,	$10 00
" " " J. M. Wooten,	10 00
" " by collection at Enon	6 10
" " " " Mt. Gilead,	4 85
" " " " by K. Vann,	2 50
" " " " on old pledge Bear Marsh	5 00
" " " " Present year, " "	15 00
" " " " Wilmington 1st Church,	50 00
" " " " Surplus Association Fund,	6 03
" " " " Goldsboro,	10 00
" " " " LaGrange,	3 00
" " " " Mrs. W. R. Becton	1 00
" " " " Falling Creek,	5 00
" " " " New Hope,	5 25
" " " " Riley's Creek,	10 00
" " " " Piney Grove, (Onslow),	65 31
" " " " Enon,	94 66
" " " " Rose Hill,	73 91
" " " " Capernaum	28 84
" " " " Warsaw,	7 25
" " " " Collection at Warsaw,	5 85
" " " " Shiloh,	5 35
" " " " Mt. Holly,	8 90
" " " " Collection at Ebenezer,	6 83
" " " " E. Dodson,	1 00
" " " " Bethel last year,	3 60
" " " " Kenansville,	5 35
" " " " Long Creek,	2 00
" " " " Moore's Creek,	5 00
" " " " Bethlehem,	8 35
" " " " Canetuck Chapel,	5 00
" " " " Haw Bluff,	5 00
" " " " Well's Chapel,	4 65
" " " " Boykin's Chapel,	10 00
" " " " Beulah,	5 00
" " " " Piney Grove, (Sampson),	9 00
" " " " Fremont,	2 00
" " " " Mt. Calvary,	3 85
" " " " Mt. Olive,	8 00
" " " " Mary's Chapel,	5 00
" " " " Johnson's,	10 00
" " " " Concord,	3 25
" " " " Magnolia,	3 50
" " " " Corinth,	5 00
" " " " Berea,	1 15
" " " " Hallsville,	1 25
" " " " Island Creek,	5 00
" " " " Kinston,	2 38
" " " " Dobson's Chapel,	1 00
	$555 96

CR.

Amount paid W. B. Knight,	$449 41
" " J. R. Oliver,	50 00
" " G. S. Best,	50 00
" " J. N. Stallings,	1 55
" " Capernaum Church for building,	5 00
	$555 96

D. J. MIDDLETON, Treasurer.

We, the Auditing Committee, have examined the Treasurer's report of Executive Committee and found the same correct.

L. A. POWELL,
W. B. HOCUT,
S. M. CARLTON,
} Committee.

Committee on Religious Exercises reported as follows.

Prayer-meeting to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, conducted by Elder J. R. Oliver; meeting of Association at 9:30; preaching at 10 o'clock by Elder E. Dodson.

On motion, adjourned till appointed hour to-morrow. Prayer by Brother B. Oliver.

THURSDAY, Oct. 11, 1877.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Moderator read Psalm 56 and Elder C. C. Newton offered prayer.

Roll called. Minutes of yesterday read.

Leave of absence was granted for remainder of session to brethren B. F. Keith, A. J. Daniel and W. J. Moore.

On motion, Brother F. Duffy's name was stricken from the list of delegates.

The special order was called for, which was report of Executive Committee. They were not prepared to report, and were given further time.

Ministers Relief Society was taken up. On motion, the Treasurer of the Society was requested to make a report to the Association.

REPORT.

J. L. STEWART, TREASURER OF MINISTER'S RELIEF SOCIETY, IN ACCOUNT WITH SAID SOCIETY.

1877.	PRINCIPAL.	INTEREST.
October—To note on J. J. Whitehead, credit Feb. 4, 1876, $100 00	$123 00	$ 12 30
To note on J. J. Whitehead	4 00	83
" " John H. Faison	123 50	19 57
" " D. K. Kornegay and B. Oliver,	90 00	14 40
" " Jno. R. Oliver	15 48	2 27
" " Isham Royal	44 15	6 45
" " D. J. Middleton	10 00	4 80
" " B. Oliver and J. R. Oliver,	94 23	13 81
" " D. K. Kornegay	38 25	23 35
" " D. K. Kornegay	57 78	24 10
" Collection on J. J. Whitehead's note, Feb. 4, 1876	100 00	13 32
To amount in hands of J. N. Stallings	102 50	38 00
Total,	$842 89	$173 20

To cash on hand at last report,	$1 15	
To int. collected on J. R. Oliver's note,	6 75	
Total,	$7 90	
By order paid Brother Utley,	—$6 00	
By cash on hand at this date,	1 90	
Total,	$7 90	

J. L. STEWART, Treasurer.

Elder W. M. Kennedy offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That Elder E. Dodson be requested to furnish the Clerk of this body with a statement of the amount of money collected by him for the objects of the Home Board, and that the same be printed in our Minutes. *

Trustees of Ministers Relief Society reported.

Elder Stewart explained the Treasurer's report during its consideration. Report adopted.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF MINISTER'S RELIEF SOCIETY.

The Trustees of the Minister's Relief Society beg leave to report: Since their last report to this body, several meetings have been held in connection with the Union meeting. Elder J. L. Stewart was appointed Treasurer, with instructions to secure the amounts already due the body to the best of his ability. The progress which he has made will more fully appear by reference to his report. A small amount has been collected from time to time, and some aid extended to Elder Guy, deceased, and Utley, of Morehead city. Private collections have several times been taken up for Elder Guy and his family.

Respectfully submitted,

D. J. MIDDLETON, Chairman.

Elder Kennedy offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Minister's Relief Society be instructed to effect a settlement with the Executor to the will of the late M. J. Taylor, deceased, and secure all amounts due therefrom; also to secure notes with proper security from all other debtors to the Society.

Committee on Education reported.

Prof. Mills addressed the Association on the subject of Ministerial Education.

On motion, proceeded to take up collection for the beneficiaries at Wake Forest College. Collection $52 60.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

During the last twelve months the Board of Education has sustained ten young ministers at Wake Forest and paid a debt of eight hundred dollars. At present there are eight young ministers under the patronage of the Board. There are many more applications from promising young ministers, but the number that can be aided will depend upon the contributions of the churches.

L. R. MILLS,
S. J. FAISON,
JNO. T. BLAND, } Committee.

Committee on State and Home Missions reported. Remarks by Elder W. M. Kennedy. Report adopted.

REPORT ON STATE AND HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee regret that they have not full statistics to present. The Board of State Missions are doing all they can, with the means they receive, to supply the destitution in the State, which is very great. They have several missionaries at work, and ought to be able to put many more in the field. Means expended in this work yield a large return; and it appeals strongly to our sympathy and support. The report of your Executive Committee puts before you the state of the work in our own

* Brother Dodson failed to furnish the statement.

Association; and the appeal for help in the letters, show how much land there is yet to occupy, lying at our own doors and the necessity for enlarged contributions.

Domestic Missions, as represented by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, claims, and is entitled to our support. This Board has been a great blessing in the past, and is still prosecuting its work with vigor and success. Its field of operation is the destitute places in all the Southern States and Indian Territory. Let us remember this general home work in our benevolent contributions, and do what we can to advance the kingdom of our Lord in all our borders.

F. H. IVEY,
B. F. MITCHELL,
H. J. DUNCAN,
W. M. KENNEDY,
} Committee.

Standing Committee on Endowment of Wake Forest College reported. Elder J. D. Hufham addressed the body. Adopted.

REPORT.

Your committee report: That they held a meeting, and were of opinion that the best way of prosecuting this work, was for a special agent to come in the Association to solicit contributions. They are deeply impressed with the great importance of this enterprise, and are glad to hear that Rev. J. D. Hufham has been appointed general agent for the endowment of our college. We offer the following:

Resolved, That we invite the agent to enter upon this work within our bounds, whenever he can do so, and we pledge to him our cordial co-operation, and earnestly commend this great work to the liberality of all our members.

J. L. STEWART, Chairman.

Elder J. B. Taylor read the report on Sunday Schools, which was adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We find from the Sunday School Statistics, in the letters sent up that twenty-four churches do not report Sunday Schools. There are reported two hundred and twenty-eight teachers and one thousand six hundred and sixty-two pupils. Your committee would suggest that the Sunday School enterprise within our bounds is not in as flourishing a condition as we should desire. Surely, we ought not to be satisfied until there is a Sunday School in every church in the Association. We should desire this for the good of the churches, and of the individual members thereof. Our brethren and sisters will thus have an opportunity of meeting together every Lord's day, (even though there should be no preaching) and studying the word of God. Then what a blessing to the rising generation—the dear children who are coming after us. Is it not our duty and privilege to bring them together every week, that they may observe the Lord,s day, be taught out of the Scriptures, and have impressions for eternity made upon their young minds and hearts? Your committee would urge upon the delegates present the importance of more zeal in this department of christian labor in churches where Sunday Schools are already in operation, and that they seek to establish them where they are not. We recommend that a committee of three be appointed to arrange for the holding of Sunday School meetings or institutes in different portions of our bounds.

J. B. TAYLOR,
G. CLUTE,
R. W. BRYAN,
} Committee.

On motion, Bro. G. Clute and Elders W. M. Kennedy and

J. L. Britt were appointed on the committee to arrange for the holding of Sunday School Institutes.

Executive Committee reported. Adjourned for one hour.

EVENING SESSION.

Association called to order by Moderator. Prayer by Bro. Clute.

Report of Executive Committee taken up. Remarks by Bro B. Oliver. Adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Executive Committee beg leave to submit this, their annual report: We commenced the operations of the present year free of debt, but without any money in the Treasury. During the present Associational year we have received about $554 and expended about $610, leaving us in debt to the amount of about $55. It has ever been our policy to keep our expenditures within the bounds of receipts.

The calculations of your committee, in setting out upon the work of the present year, were based entirely upon the pledges of the churches. For some reason, although we have endeavored to reach them by circulars, they have not been so punctual as usual in sending up their pledges, We find upon reference to the last minutes that there is a deficiency upon the pledges of about $134. which accounts for our indebtedness. During the year we have had in our employ Elder W. B. Knight, for the whole of his time. and Elders G. S. Best and J. R. Oliver for one-fourth of their time. Elder Knight has preached regularly at Rose Hill, Enon, Capernaum, Piney Grove and several times at other points in Onslow county. He has, during the present year, baptised thirty-nine, and received four others for baptism, and assisted in organizing a church (Salem) in that section consisting of twenty-seven members. Elder Best has labored at Trenton and Nethercutt's School House, in Jones county. Elder Oliver has labored at Union, in Lenoir county. Requests for aid have been sent to us from several other points, but we regret that we have not been able to assist them. In Elder Knight's field there are several other points calling for the preached word, which he cannot supply. He reports an increasing interest in his entire field. While we have not done all that we have desired to do, we feel that we have done all that can be reasonably expected of us, with the means which have been placed in our hands. Dear Brethren, we see the mists of darkness clearing away before us, and success is already looming up before us, in the not very distant horizon, therefore let us not go backward, but rather go forward until that whole section shall cease to be missionary ground.

Respectfully submitted,

B. OLIVER, Chairman.

On motion, list of churches was called and the following pledges made:

Wilmington, 1st, $50; Wilmington, 2d, $5; Mt. Holly, $8; Riley's Creek, $5; Long Creek, $5; Moore's Creek, $5; Shiloh, $5; Bethlehem, $5; Canetuck Chapel, $3; Haw Bluff, $3; Ebenezer, $8; Boykin's Chapel, $10; Mt. Gilead, $10; Clinton, $8; Piney Grove, (Sampson,) $10; Beulah, $5; Falling Creek, $5; Goldsboro, $10; Mt. Olive, $10; Bear Marsh, $15; Mary's Chapel, $10; Warsaw, $10; Johnson's, $5; Kenansville, $5; Kinston, $20; Bethel, $5; Magnolia, $5; Concord, $3; Corinth, $5; Island Creek, $5; Enon, $5; Capernaum, $5.

The following individual pledges were made:

G. S. Best, $5; J. R. Oliver, $1; T. H. Rogers, $1; H. J. Duncan, $1; T. O. Flinn, $1.

On motion, the collections of yesterday at the stand was given to Foreign Missions. Amount, $24 73.

Committee on Obituaries reported. Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

Since the last meeting of this body, the Church at New Hope has lost by death Deacon Henry E. Smith, one of its oldest and most beloved members. The church at Bereа has lost Deacon Hiram Murray, one of the founders of the church at that place, and for many years one of its most useful and exemplary members. The church at Shiloh, has sustained a great loss in the death of Henry Sterling Averett, for a more extended account of whose useful life and triumphant death, we append that part of the letter from Shiloh Church, which gives the sad event, as follows: "On the 18th of November 1876, in the wise dispensation of our Heavenly Father, Shiloh Church was called upon to sustain a heavy loss in the death of Bro. Henry Sterling Averett. He was born in Cumberland county, April 9th, 1830. His early opportunities for acquiring an education were poor, but he made commendable progress during the time he was enabled to attend school. After he became of age he pursued his cherised object—an education—for some time, alternately teaching and going to school, until he had prepared himself for college. About the year 1853, he came to New Hanover (now Pender) county as a teacher of common schools, and while engaged in this employment he was greatly concerned for the salvation of his soul, in which state of anxiety he remained for some time. About 1855, having found relief, he connected himself with the church at Shiloh, and soon afterward married and permanently located. Being chosen clerk of the church soon after his connection, he showed himself an earnest, faithful and efficient officer until his decease. As a member of the church, his example deserves special commendation, being always delighted to discharge the duties laid upon him by the church. He often represented us in the Association, and at times held important positions in that body. He was benevolent so far as his means allowed, a warm friend of education and a zealous advocate of temperance. He was exceedingly punctual in his attendance upon divine worship, having been absent from his church only once since the war, on account of private business. Being earnest and faithful and taking delight in the sevices of God's house. We have a hope that he has gone to join the saints around the throne in serving more perfectly Him whom he loved so much on earth.

W. M. KENNEDY, Chairman.

Committee on Temperance reported. Adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We think this subject does not receive proper attention from our people. Every church ought to be a temperance body, but we are sorry to say the teachings of the Bible, which are plain on the subject, are overlooked; loose ideas of liberty and self-denial now rule, and the solemn vows of consecration to God seem to be forgotten. We see a great increase of drunkenness, especially among young men, partly caused by such loose notions and the examples of older men who use intoxicating liquors and want of strict church disipline upon this point. While our people claim rigidly to follow Bible teachings in other things they ought to regard the wise instructions and warnings of Solomon, Paul and other inspired writers on this subject. We recommend more preaching on this subject, more watchcare of our members who are in so much danger, more prayer for strength to resist such temptations and after kind entreaty has failed stricter discipline of our members who persist in the manufacture, sale and undue use of any kind of intoxicating liquor.

Respectfully submitted,
W. B. KNIGHT,
J. R. OLIVER,
J. D. CARROLL.
} Committee.

Committee to nominate ministers to preach stated sermons at the next session, reported the following:

Introductory Sermon, Elder Jno. T. Albritton; alternate, Elder J. K. Howell. Missionary Sermon, J. L. Stewart; alternate, F. H. Ivey. Adopted.

On motion, the letter from Wilmington 2d Church asking for the ordination of Bro. King, was taken from the table. Elder Ivey offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Association request a Presbytery, consisting of brethren G. S. Jones, J. B. Barlow and J. B. Taylor to examine Bro. Jos. P. King, a candidate for ordination to the gospel ministry, and if they approve the candidate, the Association recommend that he be ordained.

The money sent up by the Churches ($24) was ordered to be sent to Elder J. B. Richardson.

Moderator appointed the following delegates to attend other Associations:

Cedar Creek, Elder G. S. Best, Elder H. J. Duncan, Elder W. M. Kennedy, Bro. G. W. Highsmith; Chowan, Elder J. K. Howell, F. H. Ivey, C. J. Nelson; Cape Fear, Elder J. B. Taylor, Elder C. C. Newton, Elder J. B. Barlow; Tar River, Elder J. L. Britt, Elder, J. T. Albritton, Elder W. B. Knight; Raleigh, Elder J. N. Stallings, Elder J. P. Faison, Elder O. M. Matthews.

Committee to nominate delegates to Baptist State Convention made the following report:

Elders J. B. Taylor, J. B. Barlow, W. M. Kennedy, H. M. Croom, G. S. Best, J. R. Oliver, J. N. Stallings, J. K. Howell, F. H. Ivey, J. L. Stewart, W. B. Knight, G. W. Hufham, J. P. Faison, Wm. Bland, C. C. Newton, J. L. Britt, and Brethren B. Oliver, E. F. Cox, J. A. Pridgen, J. W. Lane, D. J. Middleton, Joel Loftin, G. R. French, J. D. Carroll, S. J. Faison, John Marshburn, E. W. Ward, W. G. Brinson.

Resolved, That Baptists, from the Eastern Association, attending the Baptist State Convention be, and are hereby authorised to act as delegates until the number allowed be filled.

JOEL LOFTIN,
G. A. HERRING,
J. M. WOOTEN. } Committee.

On motion, proceeded to locate next session of the Association. Petitions were read from Piney Grove, (Sampson,) Hallsville and Newbern. The names of delegates were called and a majority voted in favor of Newbern.

On motion, the Association unanimously agreed to hold next session with the church at Newbern.

Bro. J. M. Wooten offered the following:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are hereby tendered to the brethren, sisters and friends of this neighborhood for their noble, self-sacrificing effort, and their great success in entertaining the Association; also, to the various lines of railroads for passing delegates at reduced fare.

Committee on Foreign Missions reported. Adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

There are twenty ports in China and four hundred million of souls in

the nation with eight missionaries, that is fifty million to one missionary. Our mission in Rome is flourishing. Africa, with her millions, is calling for help. The heathen gives $15 to every $100 income to his false god, how much should we give to the true God? The rich man in hell felt for five souls lost on earth and angels in heaven rejoice over one sinner that repents, how much ought we to feel for lost souls in the world? David served his own generation according to the will of God. God is doing great things for us, let us do great things for God.

Respectfully submitted,

E. DODSON, Chairman.

On motion, the Treasurer of the Association was ordered to pay the Clerk $15 for his service; also, pay for printing and distribution of Minutes, and give whatever amount may remain to the Executive Committee for Missions.

The Clerk was ordered to have twelve hundred copies of Minutes published.

The business of the Association being completed, proceeded to adjourn. Parting remarks and prayer by Elder W. M. Kennedy.

Adjourned to meet at Newbern, Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1878.

J. L. STEWART, Moderator.

J. L. BRITT, Clerk.

Things to which the Attention of the Churches is Specially Called.

1—Circulate Religious Papers more.

2—Express yourselves as to the sale of the Warsaw High School through your delegates next session.

3—Take strong ground against intemperance. The pastors, too, are specially reminded that they ought to preach more upon this subject.

4—Redeem your pledges to the Executive Committee. Some have not done so during the past year.

5—Oganize a Sunday School in your church at once if you have not one, and not only in your church but everywhere possible.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	When Constituted.	Additions.				Dim'nut'ns			Membership.				Time of Meeting.
		Baptized.	By Letter.	Experience.	Restored.	By Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	White Males.	White Females.	Colored.	Total.	
1 Wilmington 1st	1808	12	5	.....	3	14	.....	5	97	219	.....	316	2 times Sab.
2 Wilmington 2d	1870	18	2	.....	3	4	5	3	24	8	.....	105	2 times Sab.
3 Mt. Holly	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	2	1	1	32	72	4	108	2d Sabbath.
4 Riley's Creek	.....	6	3	.....	.....	1	4	.....	38	73	.....	111	3d "
5 Long Creek	871	3	4	.....	1	3	.....	2	46	59	.....	105	1st "
6 Moore's Creek	.....	22	4	.....	1	.....	.....	2	52	81	.....	133	4th "
7 Shiloh	1853	17	6	.....	4	7	.....	1	51	101	.....	152	3d "
8 Bethlehem	.....	27	.....	.....	1	2	.....	1	44	79	.....	123	2d "
9 Canetuck Chapel	.....	1	3	.....	.....	7	1	1	30	32	.....	62	1st "
10 Haw Bluff	1859	1	1	.....	2	2	.....	1	43	65	.....	10	3d "
11 Well's Chapel	1751	.....	2	.....	.....	2	4	1	67	110	.....	177	2d "
12 New Hope	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	2	2	2	93	129	.....	22	2d & 4th Sab.
13 Lisbon	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	39	59	.....	98	1st "
14 Ebenezer	1867	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	1	.....	29	29	.....	58	3d "
15 Boykin's Chapel	1846	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	48	73	.....	121	1st "
16 Mt. Gilead	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2	.....	41	85	.....	126	4th "
17 Rowan	1759	10	1	.....	3	3	.....	2	31	67	.....	98	2d "
18 Piney Grove, Sam	1846	40	1	3	3	4	2	6	81	134	16	231	2d "
19 Beulah	1814	.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....	1	24	33	.....	57	1st "
20 Brown's	.....	16	4	2	2	2	2	.....	51	79	.....	130	4th "
21 Canaan*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	1st "
22 Falling Creek	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	32	1	45	2d "
23 Mt. Calvary	1875	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	9	.....	17	3d "
24 Fremont	1875	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	2	.....	4	.....
25 Goldsboro	.....	.....	2	.....	3	5	11	1	41	112	.....	156	every Sab'ath
26 Mt. Olive	1869	6	2	.....	.....	6	1	.....	50	81	.....	131	2d "
27 Bear Marsh	1763	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	..	.....	54	120	.....	174	3d "
28 Mary's Chapel	1875	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	17	20	.....	37	.....
29 Warsaw	1855	.....	6	.....	1	5	1	1	78	139	.....	217	3rd Sabbath.
30 Clinton	1855	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	2	.....	21	44	.....	65	3d "
31 Johnson's	.....	3	.....	.....	2	3	.....	.....	48	106	.....	144	1st "
32 Kenansville	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	3	.....	21	47	.....	68	2d "
33 Magnolia	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	2	3	65	112	.....	177	4th "
34 Concord	1825	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31	63	.....	94	.....
35 Corinth	1850	.....	.....	.....	1	1	3	2	29	47	.....	76	4th Sabbath.
36 Berea	1844	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	25	40	.....	65	2d "
37 Dobson's Chapel	1867	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	1	2	16	40	.....	56	3d "
38 Island Creek	1803	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	44	94	.....	138	1st "
39 Hallsville	1807	20	1	.....	2	.....	2	2	53	94	.....	147	4th "
40 Union Chapel*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	54	.....	67	4th "
41 Jacksonville*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	40	.....	54	1st "
42 Rose Hill	1876	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	10	.....	14	3d "
43 Enon	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	17	34	.....	51	2d "
44 Piney Grove, Ons*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	26	.....	35	1st "
45 Capernaum	1876	19	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	15	24	.....	39	4th "
46 Trenton*	1870	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	16	.....	23	2d "
47 Kinston	1817	1	9	.....	.....	.....	1	1	25	40	.....	65	3d "
48 La-Grange	.....	2	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	24	46	.....	70	4th "
49 Union	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	3	20	.....	23	d "
50 Newbern	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	7	1	2	44	114	.....	158	2 times Sab'th
51 Beaufort*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	49	56	.....	97	every "
52 Morehead City	1873	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	4	15	.....	19	3d "
53 Smyrna*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28	64	.....	92	1st "
54 Davis' Shore*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	112	3d "
55 Salem	1877	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
56 Bethel	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	44	.....	61	4th "
57 Piney Grove, Jon's	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	31	48	.....	79	1st "
Total	.....	226	78	5	32	104	59	50	1839	3503	21	5413	

Those marked * taken from last year's Minutes. The letter from Salem was not given to the Clerk.

PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND P. O.	CLERKS AND P. O.
NEW HANOVER COUNTY.		
Wilmington 1st	J. B. Taylor, Wilmington	J. W. Collins, Wilmington.
Wilmington, 2d	J. P. King, Licentiate, "	C. H. Newberry, "
PENDER COUNTY.		
Mt. Holly	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia	Isaiah Carroll, So Wash'ton
Riley's Creek	" " "	W. W. Larkins, Long Creek
Long Creek	J. B. Barlow, Wilmington	J. H. Brinson, Long Creek
Moore's Creek	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store	G. W. Woodcock, Pt Caswell
Shiloh	', C. Newton, Herringsville	H. A. Bland, Moore's Creek.
Bethlehem	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store	B. F. Keith, Point Caswell.
Canetuck Chapel	" "	W. J. Flinn, Point Caswell.
BLADEN COUNTY.		
Haw Bluff	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store	O. M. Barnhill, Pt. Caswell. [Store.
SAMPSON COUNTY.		
Wells' Chapel	C. C. Newton, Herringsville	L. R. Highsmith, Harrell's
Bethel	" "	M. H. Oats, Taylor's Bridge.
New Hope	J. L. Britt, Warsaw	J. L. Carroll, Six Runs.
Lisbon	J. N. Stallings, Wilmington	R. Herring, Herringsville.
Ebenezer	G. S. Best, Kenansville	R. Highsmith, Warrensville
Boykin's Chapel	J. L. Stewart, Clinton	A. Robinson, Clinton.
Mt. Gilead	" "	Jno. J. Vann, Clinton.
Rowan	W. H. Howard, "	J. D. Duncan, Clinton.
Clinton	J. L. Stewart, "	H. B. Giddens, Clinton.
Beulah	J. L. Britt, Warsaw	J. T. Moore, Warsaw.
Piney Grove, Sampson	J. L. Stewart, Clinton	J. W. Lane, Faison's.
Brown's	H. S. Spivey, Clinton	G. W. Highsmith, Clinton.
Canaan	J. T. Albritton, Mt. Olive	
WAYNE COUNTY.		
Falling Creek	J. T. Albritton, Mt. Olive	W. B. Hood, Jr., Dudley.
Mt. Calvary	C. J. Nelson, Goldsboro	R. A. Parker, Dudley.
Fremont	No Pastor	G. B. Ballinger, Fremont.
Goldsboro	F. H. Ivey, Goldsboro	J. M. Hollowell, Goldsboro.
Mt. Olive	J. N. Stallings, Wilmington	J. D. Roberts, Mt. Olive.
DUPLIN COUNTY.		
Bear Marsh	J. N. Stallings, Wilmington	B. J. Millard, Mt. Olive.
Mary's Chapel	G. S. Best, Kenansville	
Johnson's	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia	O. P. Middleton, Warsaw
Warsaw	J. L. Britt, Warsaw	S. M. Carlton, Warsaw.
Kenansville	G. S. Best, Kenansville	D. J. Middleton, Kenansv'le
Magnolia	J. N. Stallings, Wilmington	G. W. Carroll, Kenansville.
Concord	" "	L. R. Matthews, Rose Hill.
Corinth	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia	I. J. Johnson, Rockfish.
Berea	H. M. Croom, Wallace	V. N. Seawell, Wallace.
Island Creek	" "	H. T. Savage, Wallace.
Dobson's Chapel	" "	J. P. Tucker, Kenansville.
Hallsville	" "	M. W. Brown, Beulahville.
ONSLOW COUNTY.		
Union Chapel	E. A. Best, Richlands	Jno. Marshburn, Cath Lake
Rose Hill	W. B. Knight, Swansboro	D. N. Page, Tar Landing.
Jacksonville	E. A. Best, Richlands	S. M. Clants.
Enon	W. B. Knight, Swansboro	L. O. Fonville, Duck Creek.
Piney Grove	" "	J. F. Holland, Swansboro.
Capernaum	" "	J. D. Melville. Palo Alto.
JONES COUNTY.		
Trenton	G. S. Best, Kenansville	L. H. Mallard, Trenton.
Piney Grove	" "	
LENOIR COUNTY.		
Kinston	J. K. Howell, Kinston	W. F. Stanly, Kinston.
La-Grange	" "	R. L. Wooten, La-Grange.
Union	J. R. Oliver, Mt. Olive	W. F. Sutton, Kinston.
CRAVEN COUNTY.		
Fort Barnwell	G. S. Best, Kenansville	
Newbern	No Pastor	F. W. Hancock, Newbern.
CARTERET COUNTY.		
Beaufort	R. C. Sandling, Beaufort	J. D. Davis, Beaufort.
Smyrna	T. J. Leary, Beaufort	Isa Davis, Beaufort.
Morehead City	Jacob Utley, Morehead City	J. Utley, Morehead City.
Davis' Shore	T. J. Leary, Beaufort	R. L. Pane, Beaufort.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	No. Teachers.	No Pupils.	Volumes in Library.
Wilmington, 1st	Jas. H. Taylor	22	195	400
Wilmington, 2d	S. Holden	6	43	35
Mt. Holly	A. Carroll	7	69	.....
Moore's Creek	C. P. Woodcock	12	110	50
Long Creek	M. E. Herring	3	52	.....
Shiloh	H. D. Mashburn	8	120	200
Bethlehem	D. P. Bland	6	46	.....
Canetuck Chapel	R. H. Kelly	2	9	.....
Goldsboro	J. E. Peterson	14	86	.....
Warsaw	S. M. Carlton	7	60	.....
Magnolia	Jas. A. Bryan	10	60	200
Berea	V. N. Seawell	4	30	50
Newbern	A. M. Baker	16	105	560
Hallsville	C. C. Williams	.....	.....	.....
Clinton	Reports Union School	.....	.....	.....
New Hope	L. R. Carroll	5	25	.....
Ebenezer	R. Highsmith	4	30	.....
Boykin's Chapel	M. C. Peterson	8	65	.....
Mt. Gilead	D. B. Nicholson	6	40	40
Beulah	G. Clute	6	23	.....
Mt. Calvary	A. M. Prince	3	23	.....
Mt. Olive	G. A. Newell	12	70	200
Johnson's	O. P. Middleton	11	60	125
Corinth	J. C. Williams	8	30	20
Island Creek	C. Harrell	4	30	40
Wells' Chapel	M. J. Moore	5	99	100
La-Grange		10	30	.....
Rose Hill	D. N. Page	5	20	.....
Capernaum	Bazel Riggs	4	20	.....
Piney Grove, Jones	C. C. Taylor	6	62	.....
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Constitution of the Eastern Baptist Association.

ARTICLE 1.—This Association shall be denominated and known as the Eastern Association.

ART. 2.—The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ART. 3.—This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates, who shall be members of that church.

ART. 4.—The delegates from each church shall bear a letter, certifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the state of the church; *Provided, however*, That when any church has prepared a letter and through inadvertence the letter fails to be presented, her delegates may be received without its presentation.

ART. 5.—The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen from among its members by ballot, by a majority of the members voting, and continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6.—It shall be the duty of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion after others have spoken and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7.—It shall be the duty of Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session and superintend their printing and distribution among the churches.

ART. 8.—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

ART. 9.—The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee of seven members, which committee shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and Colportage. They shall have the power to disburse all sums paid by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and during intervals between the meetings of this body to receive and disburse funds for those objects and to take such steps for their advancement as they shall deem advisable, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings.

ART. 10.—The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of her churches which neglect to preserve gospel order.

ART. 11.—The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats and extend to them all the privileges of the body except that of voting.

ART. 12.—The annual session of this Association shall commence on Tuesday after the first Lord's day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

ART. 13.—By appointment of the Association, there shall be an Introductory Sermon of a denominational character, and a Missionary Sermon.

ART. 14.—This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

Rules of Order.

1—On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceeding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence, a chairman *pro tem.*, shall be elected.

2.—Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.

3.—At each daily session, and previous to proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous daily sessions read.

4.—The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes christians.

5.—Any member wishing to speak shall arise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.

6.—No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.

7.—All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer before discussion.

8.—No motion shall be withdrawn after its discussion.

9.—When a question is under discussion, no motion or proposition shall be received, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

10.—After a motion is decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11.—No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the presiding officer, and no one shall take final leave of absence without the permission of the Association, and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the minutes.

12.—All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13.—The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to consideration.

14.—The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a majority of votes.

Rules of Decorum for the Churches.

1.—We will hold at least four Conference meetings in the year for the transaction of business, also special meetings whenever requisite.

2.—The names of the members shall be called at every regular meeting, and there shall be due notice taken of the absence of those who discover a disposition to absent themselves.

3.—At every Conference, the pastor, in his right of office, shall preside as Moderator, and in case of his absence, the Conference shall appoint a Moderator *pro tem.*, who shall open Conference by devotional exercises.

4.—The Clerk shall keep a church book, in which all the proceedings of the Conference shall be faithfully transcribed, and at every regular meeting the minutes of the preceeding meeting shall be read immediately after the names are called.

5—An invitation shall be given to brethren of our faith and order to sit with us in Conference, who shall enjoy all the privileges of the meeting except that of voting.

6.—Every subject for the consideration of the Conference shall be introduced by a motion, which when seconded, shall be debated and acted upon, unless withdrawn by the mover.

7.—Every speaker shall rise and address the Moderator by the appellation of brother, and shall confine his remarks to the subject under debate and shall not be allowed to speak more than twice on one subject unless by permission of the Church.

8.—No member shall withdraw from the Conference without the permission of the Moderator.

9.—It shall be required that in matters of difference between members, before complaint is made to the Church, the aggrieved party shall have attended to the instructions of the Lord, Matt. 18th chapter, 16th, 17th and 18th verses, and public offences or such as operate aginst the peace of the Church, shall be the subject of disipline.

10.—All questions submitted to the Conference shall be decided by a majority of votes, except receiving members to fellowship; and any question may be reconsidered upon the motion of any who may vote in the affirmative.

11.—The Moderator shall propound all questions for vote—shall keep the speakers to the subject under debate—may express his own views, after others are done speaking and see that these rules are faithfully observed.

12.—These Rules of Decorum may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the whole Church.

Resolved, That this Association recommend the adoption of the foregoing rules to all the Churches that comprise this body.

Order of Business.

1.—Reading Church Letters and enrolling delegates.
2.—Election of Officers.
3.—Call for Petitionary Letters.
4.—Appointment of Committees.
5.—Appointment of Corresponding Delegates.
6.—Reports of Standing Committees.
7.—Reports of other Committees.
8.—Report of Trustees of Ministers' Relief Society.
9.—Report of Treasurer.
10.—Miscellaneous Business.
11.—Incidental and routine motions shall be in order any time.
12.—Adjournment.

MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Eastern Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

Newbern, Craven Co., N. C.,

OCTOBER 8th, 9th and 10th, 1878.

WILMINGTON, N. C.:
S. G. HALL, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER,
1878.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

ELDER J. L. STEWART, MODERATOR, Clinton.
ELDER J. L. BRITT, CLERK, LaGrange.
A. M. FAISON, TREASURER, Warsaw.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

B. OLIVER, CHAIRMAN, Mount Olive.
D. J. MIDDLETON, SEC. & TREAS., Warsaw.
A. M. FAISON, L. R. CARROLL, J. W. LANE,
J. M. WOOTEN, L. R. HIGHSMITH.

TRUSTEES OF WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL:

L. R. CARROLL,	ISAAC BROWN,	DANIEL MOORE
C. H. SMITH,	N. C. FAISON,	J. L. STEWART,
A. J. DANIEL,	W. J. MOORE,	J. P. FAISON,
J. W. BLOUNT,	W. H. FAISON,	G. W. MARSH.
J. L. CARLTON,	S. M. CARLTON,	A. W. CARLTON,
B. OLIVER,	J. K. WILLIAMS,	W. R. BELL,
B. MATTHEWS,	G. S. BEST,	J. K. SMITH,
A. M. FAISON,	ISAIAH CARROLL,	G. W. HUFHAM,
F. M. CARROLL,	E. J. CORRELL,	WILLIAM BOYETT,
O. P. MIDDLETON,	I. W. HERRING,	S. H. GAVIN.

ORDAINED MINISTERS:

J. B. TAYLOR, Wilmington.	J. L. STEWART, Clinton.
J. B. BARLOW, "	H. J. DUNCAN, "
C. C. NEWTON, Herringsville.	O. M. MATTHEWS "
J. P. FAISON, Harrell's Store.	J. T. ALBRITTON, Mt. Olive.
WM. BLAND, "	J. R. OLIVER, "
H. M. CROOM, Wallace.	F. H. IVEY, Goldsboro.
J. N. STALLINGS, Warsaw.	C. J. NELSON, "
W. M. KENNEDY, Magnolia.	R. C. SANDLING, Beaufort.
G. S. BEST, Kenansville.	J. T. LEARY, "
G. W. HUFHAM, Warsaw.	J. UTLEY, Morehead City.
J. L. BRITT, LaGrange.	E. A. BEST, Richlands.
J. K. FAULKNER, Kinston.	F. W. EASON, Newbern.

J. T. Alderman

PROCEEDINGS.

NEWBERN, N. C., Oct. 8th, 1878.

The Eastern Association convened according to appointment, in the Baptist Church at Newbern, N. C. Devotional exercises conducted by Elder J. B. Taylor, of Wilmington. Prayer by Elder J. K. Faulkner, of Kinston.

On motion the Introductory Sermon, which properly came first, was postponed to 7½ o'clook, P. M.

Brethren L. R. Carroll and B. Matthews were appointed Assistant Clerks.

On motion Finance Committee was appointed, consisting of Brethren B. F. Mitchell, A. M. Faison and S. J. Boon.

Proceeded to call roll of Churches, and the following names were enrolled as delegates:

WILMINGTON 1st—Elder J. B. Taylor, B. F. Mitchell.
WILMINGTON 2nd—Williamson Hurst.
WOODVILLE—R. B. Felton, J. Arthar.
PINEY GROVE (Jones)—C. C. Taylor, Wm. McDaniel, B. F. Dillahunt.
MT. GILEAD—B. Matthews.
BEAUFORT—J. E. Whitehurst, T. D. Noah.
MOREHEAD CITY—Elder J. Utley, J. T. Eaton.
NEWBERN—C. C. Clark, W. G. Brinson, F. W. Hancock.
LAGRANGE—J. M. Hines.
ROSE HILL—Elder J. R. Oliver, D. N. Page.
KINSTON—J. M. Wooten, J. F. Hill, H. D. Spain.
TRENTON—Peter Andrews, W. H. Mallard.
UNION CHAPEL—John Marshburn
CORINTH—R. F. Peterson, J. T. Wilkins.
JACKSONVILLE—L. A. Avery, W. K. Ramsey.
MAGNOLIA—D. Moore.
CONCORD—Wm. Brice, L. A. Kennedy.
HALLSVILLE—Elder H. M. Croom, W. H. Morton.
MARY'S CHAPEL—Elder G. S Best.
JOHNSON'S—O. P. Middleton, Elder W. M. Kennedy.
WARSAW—A. M. Faison, S. M. Carlton, W. C. Carlton.
KENANSVILLE—D. J. Middleton.
GOLDSBORO—Elder C. J. Nelson, J. E. Peterson.
MT. CALVARY—Elder J. T. Albritton, Giles Hinson.
MT. OLIVE—Joel Loftin, W. S. Elmore, O. Summerlin.
FALLING CREEK—M. E. Britt.
BEAR MARSH—B. Oliver.
BEAULAH—Elder J. L. Britt.
BOYKIN'S CHAPEL—L. M. Boykin, T. D. Blackburn.
NEW HOPE—L. R. Carroll, J. L. Carroll.

Wall's Chapel—L. R. Highsmith.
Long Creek—Elder J. B. Barlow.
Piney Grove (Sampson)—J. C. Hines, H. L. Cats, J. W. Lamb.
Capernaum—D. F. Aman.
Fort Barnwell—J. W. Riddle.
Shiloh—Jno. T. Bland.
Piney Grove (Onslow)—W. P. Ward, C. E. Holland, A. B. Carroll.
Riley's Creek—W. B. Hocut.
Berea—R. J. Johnson.
Clinton—Elder J. L. Stewart.

Canetuck Chapel, Lisbon, Rowan, Bethel, Union, Dobson's Chapel, Enon, Island Creek, Moores Creek, Mt. Holly, Salem, Haw Bluff, Bethlehem and Ebenezer were represented by letter.

On motion, letter from Ebenezer, asking for letter of dismission from this body, was laid on the table.

On motion, letter from Piney Grove (Sampson), petitioning for the next session of the Association was laid on the table.

On motion, letter from Jacksonville, was referred to Executive Committee.

Delegates appeared from Woodville, and the name of that Church having been dropped from the list of Churches, on motion it was reinstated upon the list.

Committee of Arrangements was appointed, consisting of Elder W. M. Kennedy and delegates from Newbern Church.

On motion, adjourned to 2½ o'clock. Prayer by Elder J. N. Stallings.

Evening Session.

Called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder J. Utley.

The next business in order was the election of officers for the ensuing year. The following were appointed as Tellers: For Moderator, J. M. Wooten and L. R. Highsmith; for Clerk, F. W. Hancock and S. J. Boon; for Treasurer, H. L. Oats and Wm. McDaniel. The election resulted as follows: Elder J. L. Stewart re-elected Moderator; Elder J. L. Britt, re-elected Clerk; A. M. Faison, elected Treasurer.

On motion, Bro. D. F. Aman, was recognized as delegate from Capernaum.

Elder J. B. Taylor moved that Committees be appointed on the following subjects: Foreign Missions, State and Home Missions, Education, Periodicals, Sunday Schools, Temperance, Audit Treasurer's Account of Association and Executive Committee, Revise List of Trustees of Warsaw High

School, Nominate Executive Committee, Nominate Delegates to Baptist State Convention and Nominate Preachers for Stated Sermons.

The Moderator proceeded to appoint the following as Committees:

Foreign Missions—Elders J. T. Albritton, J. Utley and Brother B. Matthews.

State and Home Missions—Elders J. B. Taylor, J. B. Barlow and Bro. J. M. Hines.

Education—Dr. Wingate, Elder J. K. Faulkner and Bro. S. M. Carlton.

Periodicals—Elders J. N. Stallings, H. M. Croom and Bro. J. F. Hill.

Sunday Schools—Elder W. M. Kennedy, C. C. Clark and C. C. Taylor.

Temperance—Elder G. S. Best, Brethren L. R. Carroll, O. Summerlin.

To Audit Account of Treasurer of Association and Executive Commiteee—Brethren C. C. Clark, L. R. Highsmith, W. C. Carlton.

Revise List of Trustees of Warsaw High School—Brethren B. Oliver, D. J. Middleton, L. R. Carroll.

Nominate Executive Committee—Elder J. N. Stallings, Brethren A. M. Faison, J. C. Hines.

Nominate Delegates to Baptist State Convention—Brethren O. P. Middleton, J. W. Riddle, J. M. Wooten.

Nominate Preachers Stated Sermons—Brethren J. W. Lane, M. E. Britt, and W. Hurst.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats. Elder J. K. Faulkner who is just entering upon his duties as pastor of Kinston Church announced himself, also Rev. Dr. Wingate announced himself as representative of Education, Board of North Carolina Baptist State Convention, and Messenger from Central Association.

On motion, any of our members in good standing visiting other Associations, were authorized to represent us.

Treasurer reported. Report received and referred to Auditing Committee.

A letter was read from South River Association. On motion, the letter was received, and brethren appointed to represent us in their meeting.

By motion, Dr. Wingate was put in the place of Elder Stewart, who was appointed to preach the Missionary Sermon at this session.

Committee on Devotional Exercises reported as follows: Introductory Sermon to-night by Rev. J. T. Albritton; to-morrow morning at 9½ o'clock, prayer meeting conducted by Elder J. N. Stallings; Association to meet at 10 o'clock, adjourn at 1 to 2½ o'clock and adjourn at will; Missionary Sermon to-morrow night by Dr. Wingate.

On motion adjourned till appointed hour to-morrow. Prayer by Elder J. R. Oliver.

At night Elder J. T. Albritton preached the Introductory Sermon from John 1: 12, 13.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, October 9th, 1878.

Devotional Exercises conducted by Elder J. N. Stallings.

Moderator called the Association to order. Roll called. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

The invitation was again extended to visiting brethren. Elder C. T. Bailey, Editor of *Biblical Recorder*; Elder G. S. Jones, Agent for American Sunday School Union; Prof. F. P. Hobgood, Principal Raleigh Baptist Female Seminary and representative from Central Association; Elder A. C. Dixon, Messenger from Mt. Zion Association; Elder E. Dodson, Agent of Home Mission Board of Southern Baptist Convention announced themselves.

Letters from Mt. Holly, Piney Grove (Onslow), and Berea were presented and read.

On motion, letter from Berea was laid on the table.

On motion, Committee on Obituaries was appointed, consisting of Elders W. M. Kennedy, J. N. Stallings, and J. W. Lane.

On motion, letter from Berea was taken from the table, and that part relating to death was referred to Committee on Obituaries.

The question as to whether the Church at Berea did right in the rejection of one applying to them for membership from the Free Will Baptist Church without rebaptism, was taken up. Remarks were made by Elders C. T. Baily, E. Dodson, J. N. Stallings, W. M. Kennedy, and Brethren C. C. Clark and B. Oliver. It was decided that they did right.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Elder Stallings read the report of Executive Committee; remarks by Brethren B. Oliver, B. F. Mitchell, J. M. Wooten, J. W. Lane, J. T. Eaton, and Elders J. N. Stallings, E. Dodson, J. B. Taylor, W. M. Kennedy, Dr. Wingate.

Pending its adoption the Association adjourned for dinner.

EVENING SESSION.

Prayer by Elder G. S. Jones. Report of Executive Committee was adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We have received for the work entrusted to our care for the past year (including what has been sent up to this session) $290, of which we have expended $282, leaving a balance of $8 in the hands of our Treasurer

Elder J. R. Oliver has labored under our direction in Onslow County, giving his entire time to preaching and pastoral work at Union Chapel, Rose Hill and Salem Churches and Pern Bay and Half Moon Stations, your Committee aiding in his support.

The cause was in a languishing condition when Elder Oliver removed to Onslow and began his work, but the prospects have brightened and we entertain the hope that in the near future he will reap the reward of his faithful and efficient labors. Elder Oliver is increasing in favor with the people and his influence becoming stronger constantly, and we earnestly recommend that he be continued in that field. The opposition has been very great, but is gradually wearing away. Five have been baptised during the year.

We have aided the Churches at Union, Lenoir County, and Fort Barnwell, Craven County, in sustaining Elder J. L. Britt their pastor. These are old Churches at very important points, which have been weak and unable to support pastors without aid. Elder Britt reports good congregations and serious and earnest attention.

Elder W. M. Kennedy has recently occupied Burgaw, the new county site of Pender, preaching there monthly. He reports encouraging indications. This point ought to be cultivated, and the opportunity to establish a church there ought not to be lost.

Elder Geo. S. Best has been assisted in his field at Trenton Church and Nethercutts School House Station in Jones County, thereby enabling him to supply this important section and to preach for the church at Piney Grove below Trenton. He reports large and attentive congregations.

Elder W. H. Howard, made a few visits to Antioch, Duplin County, at which place we formerly had a Church, to endeavor to resuscitate the same.

We have given you a brief statement of our operations during the past year. Much more could have been done if we had the money to compensate laborers, and had the means come in regularly at our Executive meetings during the year. It is needless to call attention to the vast destitution that still exists. It is well known to the Association. A great work has been accomplished in the past, a greater remains to be done in the future before the land is fully possessed and the blessings of a pure gospel enjoyed by all sections of our Associational bounds. Will our Churches awake to its importance, and to a proper sense of their duties, and furnish the means for the work? The Lord help us to be faithful.

Respectfully.

B. OLIVER, Chairman.

On motion, list of churches was called and the following pledges made:

Wilmington, 1st, $25; Wilmington, 2d, $5; Beaufort, $5; Piney Grove (Jones), $7.50; Trenton, $5; Mt. Gilead, $10; Corinth, $5; LaGrange, $5; Magnolia, $5; Kinston, $20; Hallsville, $10; Jacksonville, $2; Johnsons, $10; Concord, $5; Goldsboro, 10; Warsaw, $15; Mt. Olive, $10; Mt. Calvary, $5; Bear Marsh, $10; Falling Creek, $6; New Hope, $10; Boykin's Chapel, $10; Long Creek, $5; Piney Grove (Sampson), $20; Shiloh, $5; Fort Barnwell, $5; Riley's Creek, $10; Piney Grove (Onslow), $3; Kenansville, $5; Clinton, $10.

The following individual pledges were made:

R. J. Johnson, $1; J. T. Eaton, $10; G. S. Best, $5.

Elder H. M. Croom offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That we recommend to the Churches that they make a special effort during the next year, to carry out the Bible plan of contributing for the spread of the gospel.

Committee on State and Home Missions reported. Adopted. Remarks by Elders E. Dodson, A. C. Dixon, C. T. Bailey.

REPORT ON STATE AND HOME MISSIONS.

By reference to the Minutes of last year's meeting, it will appear that the Association decided that the report of the Committee on "Home Missions" should include State Missions, and that thereafter it should be called "Committee on State and Home Missions." Inasmuch as the report of your Executive Committee has given information concerning the work in our Associational bounds, it is not expected that we should specially refer to that. The State Mission Board, located at Raleigh, is earnestly engaged in the great work committed to their superintendence, and desire to enlist the sympathy and co-operation of our churches. Shall we not give it to them in some practical way?

The Home Mission Board located at Marion, Alabama, is one of the Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention. To this Board is committed the work of supplying with the gospel, the destitution in the Southern States and among the Indians. Nobly has it done the work. The showing of what has been accomplished under the auspices of our State and Domestic Boards, affords cause for gratitude to God. If so much has been wrought with so little money and effort what would be accomplished, if all our brethren and sisters, young and old, would unite to work and pray and give? In order to greater efficiency, our churches would perhaps do well to adopt some system for raising funds,—a system that will reach the entire membership. Let our pastors preach faithfully on the duty and grace and blessedness of giving to the Lord's cause, and let the Deacons and officers bring before their churches some well digested scheme for stated collections of money, and let us all pray God's blessing on our contributions, and that the Lord of the harvest will raise up and send forth more laborer's into the great field so white for the harvest. Respectfully submitted,

J. B. TAYLOR,
J. B. BARLOW,
J. M. HINES, Sr.
} Committee.

On motion, collection to be taken to-night was ordered to be divided between Home and State Missions, and collection to-morrow night to be divided between Foreign and Associational Missions.

On motion, regular order was suspended for report on Education. Dr. Wingate addressed the body upon this subject.

Pending the adoption of the report, collection was taken for Ministerial Education. Amount, $31 87.

On motion, report of the Committee on Periodicals was made the special order for to-morrow 10 o'clock.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee learn that there have been some thirteen young ministers under the direction of the Board of Education during the past year, and the Board are able to state that this number have been sustained, in whole or in part, without forming any debt.

In accordance with a resolution of the Board last year presented to the Convention, and confirmed by that body, a short course of biblical instruction has been arranged at the College for those of our young ministers who may not be able to pursue a full classical course. This arrangement, it is hoped, will meet the wants of many who are already in the ministry, some who have families, and others not thus embarrassed,

but who may find it desirable to take a more thorough course. An increase of funds, of course, will be found essential in pursuing such a policy.

Respectfully submitted,
W. M. WINGATE,
J. K. FAULKNER,
S. M. CARLTON,
Committee.

The following brethren were given leave of absence from remainder of session: J. M. Hines, O. Summerlin, W. S. Elmore, W. P. Ward, A. B. Carroll, J. E. Peterson.

Committee of Arrangements offered the following report: Devotional exercises to-morrow morning at 9½ o'clock, conducted by Elder C. T. Bailey.

Association meet at 10 o'clock, and adjourned at 11 o'clock, to hear preaching by Elder A. C. Dixon, of Chapel Hill.

Association meet again at 2½ o'clock, with devotional exercises by Elder J. L. Britt.

Preaching in Baptist Church to-morrow night by Rev. J. B. Taylor, of Wilmington; New Street Methodist Church by Rev. J. L. Stewart, of Clinton; Pollock Street Methodist Chapel by Rev. J. K. Faulkner, of Kinston; to-night in St. Andrews Chapel, (colored), by Rev. G. S. Best. Report adopted.

At night Dr. Wingate preached the Missionary Sermon from Luke 14:23. Amount of collection, $27 30.

THURSDAY MORNING, October 10th, 1878.

Devotional Exercises conducted by Elder C. T. Bailey.

Roll called. Proceedings of yesterday read and approved.

Elder J. B. Taylor moved that the report of Committee on Religious Exercises be re-considered, in order that we may dispense with preaching to-night. Motion laid on the table.

Elder A. C. Dixon moved that the report of Committee on Devotional Exercises be re-considered, in order to dispense with preaching to-day at 11 o'clock. Motion laid on the table.

The Rev. J. R. Brooks, of the Methodist Church was introduced, and invited by the Moderator to a seat on the floor, which he accepted.

W. H. Mallard, Elder J. Utley, J. A. Whitehurst, T. D. Noah, J. Arthar, T. J. Leary, Wm. McDaniel, Jno. Marshburn, C. E. Holland and J. W. Biddle, were given leave of absence for remainder of the session.

Committee on Periodicals reported. Remarks by Elder C. T. Baily, Editor of the *Biblical Recorder*. Report adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The *Biblical Recorder*, our State denominational paper, is conducted with marked ability, and is eminently worthy of the patronage of our people and ought to be in every Baptist family We also recommend the *Foreign Mission Journal*, published at Richmond, Va., and *Kind Words*, our Sunday School paper, published at Macon, Ga.

J. N. STALLINGS,
H. M. CROOM,
J. F. HILL. } Committee.

At 11 o'clock, Elder A. C. Dixon preached, after which the Association adjourned to 2½ o'clock.

Moderator announced that Elder G. S. Jones, would lecture in the Presbyterian church to-night.

EVENING SESSION.

The Moderator called the body to order. Elder J. L. Britt offered prayer.

Committee on Sunday Schools reported. Remarks by Elders W. M. Kennedy, A. C. Dixon, Prof. F. B. Hobgood, and Bro. L. R. Carroll.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools submit the following: During the past year Sunday School Institutes have been held in different parts of our bounds, and we think that great good has been done by calling public attention to this important christian enterprise, but as we have not had access to the Church Letters, we cannot inform you whether there are more children in our Sunday Schools this year than last, or otherwise. We feel confident in saying that the work has a firmer hold upon the hearts of those engaged in it than ever before. In view of the vast field which opens before us, and of the amount of work to be done, we recommend the following: That this Association appoint a Sunday School Board, to be composed of five members, with instructions to take into consideration the propriety of putting a Sunday School Missionary and Colporteur in the field, whose duty it shall be, to visit the destitute places within our bounds and constitute Sunday Schools, and supply people with Sunday School and other religious literature; and that the Association take steps for raising the means to carry on this good work, if in the judgment of this Board it be practicable.

Respectfully submitted,
W. M. KENNEDY,
C. C. CLARK,
C. C. TAYLOR. } Committee.

On motion, old Sunday School Board was continued with the addition of two others. Moderator to appoint them.

Bro. J. W. Lane, read the report of Elder E. Dodson to the Association as called for in the Minutes of last year, which on motion was ordered to be embodied in the Minutes.

Committee on Foreign Missions reported. Remarks by Elder J. K. Faulkner. Adopted.

Committee on Temperance reported. Report adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

It is to be regretted exceedingly that this subject does not receive that attention from our churches which its importance demands. Intemperance is an evil, a sin, which is doing more to cripple the cause of our Master, to hinder the progress of every christian enterprise than every other evil into which the christian is subject to fall. Four million dollars are spent annually in the United States for tobacco, and eight million for intoxicating liquors. Much of this amount coming from the pockets of Baptists, while the poor heathen are actually starving for the bread of life. Our missionaries lift up their voices and cry aloud to us for help, but we hear them not, our ears are deaf to all their entreaties.

We plead the excuse of poverty and consume our means upon our own lust. Brethren these things ought not so to be. Jesus says, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man should lay down his life for his friends." But mark well the distinction. "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you." Hence, "Deny thyself, take up thy cross and follow me" "Hating ever the garments spotted by the flesh" "Shun every appearance of evil." "If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches."

We do earnestly recommend and insist that our ministers give more attention to this subject in their respective fields and thereby correct and if possible remove an evil which must otherwise bring reproach and disgrace upon the cause of Him whom we profess to love.

Respectfully submitted,
G. S. BEST,
L. R. CARROLL,
O. SUMMERLIN,
} Committee.

Auditing Committee reported:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

NEWBERN, N. C, Oct. 10th, 1878.

ISAIAH CARROLL, *Treasurer Eastern Association, in Account*, 1877–'78:

To am't received of Finance Committee at last session,		$293 83
" collected at stand	$24 73	
" " in the house for Education	52 60	
		$371 16

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By am't paid Treasurer of Executive Committee		$157 28
" " " " Baptist State Convention for State Missions	$24 00	
" " " " Foreign Missions	49 91	
" " " " Education,	52 60	
" " Clerk for Minutes	72 39	
" " " " Services	15 00	
		$371 16

We the Auditing Committee, report that we have examined the Treasurer's account, and find it correct.

C. C. CLARK,
L. R. HIGHSMITH,
W. C. CARLTON.
} Committee.

Committee to nominate Executive Committee reported.

(See 1st page.)

REPORT OF TREASURER OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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To amount paid	by C. D. Bostic		$ 1 00
"	"	Ebenezer	8 00
"	"	Piney Grove, (Sampson)	9 00
"	"	Kinston	20 00
"	"	Trenton	6 00
"	"	Collection at Johnsons	5 77
"	"	Riley's Creek	6 60
"	"	Mt. Holly, old pledge	50
"	"	Wilmington 1st	50 00
"	"	Wilmington 2nd	5 00
"	"	Mt. Holly	2 10
"	"	Falling Creek	4 75
"	"	Jesse Jackson	5 00
"	"	J. R. Oliver	1 00
"	"	Collection at Union	5 07
"	"	Bear Marsh, old pledge	5 00
"	"	Bear Marsh	10 00
"	"	Haw Bluff	5 00
"	"	Collection at Mt Holly	4 00
"	"	Burgaw	1 96
"	"	Surplus Association Fund	20 00
"	"	Long Creek	2 05
"	"	Moores Creek	5 00
"	"	Bethlehem	5 00
"	"	Well's Chapel	5 50
"	"	New Hope	4 00
"	"	Boykin's Chapel	10 00
"	"	Beulah	5 25
"	"	Mt. Olive	10 00
"	"	Warsaw	10 00
"	"	Kenansville	3 00
"	"	Johnson's	10 00
"	"	Hallsville	1 70
"	"	Concord	3 00
"	"	Magnolia	4 00
"	"	Corinth	5 00
"	"	Bethel	5 00
"	"	Dobson's Chapel	1 00
"	"	Island Creek	1 50
"	"	Island Creek, old pledge	5 00
"	"	Shiloh	2 75
"	"	Berea	2 00
"	"	Rev G. S. Best	5 00
"	"	Rev. E. Dodson	1 00
"	"	Clinton	8 00
			$290 50

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By amount paid	J. L. Britt		$ 41 67
"	" W. H. Howard		10 00
"	" W. M. Kennedy		15 00
"	" Dr. W. B. Knight		16 00
"	" J. R. Oliver		162 50
"	" G. S. Best		50 00
			$295 17
Amount received			$290 50
Amount over paid by Treasurer			$4 67

D. J. MIDDLETON, Treasurer.

We the Auditing Committee, have examined the above report, and found the same correct.

C. C. CLARK,
L. R. HIGHSMITH,
W. C. CARLTON. } Committee.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee, for want of opportunity to compare the contributions of the present year with those of the past year, are unable to say whether there is increase or diminution of interest in the Foreign Mission work. We are assured, however, that the interest manifested by our churches generally in this department of Christian labor is by no means commensurate with its needs and great importance. It is a matter of profound regret that many of our churches are without both the information needed to engender zeal, and practicable plans for raising funds, in the behalf of Foreign Missions.

We believe that a wider circulation of the Foreign Mission Journal, which gives the needed information, would bring about a deeper interest in this great work and the adoption of plans by which our contributions would be largely increased. The reports from our missionaries are encouraging. Brother Taylor reports baptisms at several of the stations occupied by our missionaries in Italy.

At some of them baptism is administered almost every week. Brother Taylor has encountered most determined opposition in his efforts to build the Rome Chapel. With the blessing of God, the work will be carried on to completion. About $4,000 more must be raised for this building.

Brethren Graves and Yates write encouragingly from China. The Lord is blessing the labors of our brethren there, opening the hearts of the heathen, and giving them the joy of His salvation. These brethren will probably be soon reinforced by the return of Brother Simmons and wife. Our young sister, Miss Sallie Stein, of Tenn., desires to go to China, feeling that she would be happy to be counted worthy to endure trials in a heathen land for Christ's sake. May God open our hearts and loose our purse strings, that our devoted missionaries may be made to feel by our earnest prayers and liberal contributions, that we are in full sympathy with them in their pious toils and sore trials.

JNO. T. ALBRITTON,
JACOB UTLEY,
B. MATTHEWS. } Committee.

Committee to nominate delegates to Baptist State Convention reported the following:

Elders J. B. Taylor, J. B. Barlow, W. M. Kennedy, H. M. Croom, G. S. Best, J. R. Oliver, J. N. Stallings, J. K. Faulkner, F. H. Ivey, J. L. Stewart, G. W. Hufham, J. P. Faison, Wm. Bland, C. C. Newton, J. L. Britt, J. T. Albritton, J. Utley, C. J. Nelson, and Brethren B. Oliver, J. A. Pridgen, W. J. Lane, B. F. Mitchell, W. P. Ward, C. C. Clark, F. W. Hancock, J. W Biddle, C. C. Taylor, J. W. Isler.

J. W. BIDDLE,
O. P. MIDDLETON,
J. M. WOOTEN. } Committee.

Committee to nominate preachers for stated sermons reported the following:

To preach Introductory Sermon, Elder F. W. Eason; alternate, Elder J. N. Stallings; Missionary Sermon, Elder J. K. Faulkner; alternate, Elder F. H. Ivey

J. W. LANE,
M. E. BRITT,
WILLIAMSON HURST. } Committee.

The Finance Committee presented the following report:

CHURCHES.	Itineran cy.	Minute Fund.	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	State Missions
Mt. Olive	$ 10 00	$ 2 50			
Beaufort		1 05			
Canetuck Chapel	5 00	1 35	2 15		
Boykin's Chapel	10 00	2 50			
Mt. Calvary		50	2 65		
Lisbon		2 25			
Rowan		1 00			
Bethel	5 00	1 25			
Rose Hill		1 00			
Smyrna					
Mt. Gilead		2 00			
Goldsboro	10 00	2 50			
Clinton	50	2 00	50		
Union		1 00			
Berea	2 00	1 80	2 00		
Piney Grove, Sampson	8 00	2 00			
Ebenezer	8 00	1 00			
Piney Grove, Onslow		1 00			
Jacksonville		1 00			
Union Chapel		50			
Magnolia	4 00	2 50			
Warsaw	10 00	1 25			
Mary's Chapel		1 30			
Trenton	5 00	1 25			
Concord	3 00	1 20			
Hallsville	1 70	1 50	1 25		
Dobson's Chapel	1 00	75			
Johnsons	10 00	1 25			
Bethlehem	5 00	1 50	6 00		
Well's Chapel	5 50	2 00	2 70*	16 10	
Kenansville	3 00	1 00			
Haw Bluff	1 67	2 00	3 00		
Riley's Creek		2 50	5 45-8 35*		
Falling Creek	2 50	1 45			
Beulah	5 25	80			
Shiloh	2 75	1 50		3 50	2 61
Mt. Holly		1 25			
Salem					
Fort Barnwell		1 50			
Kinston	15 33	2 00			
Bear Marsh	10 00	2 00			
Long Creek	2 05	1 00			
New Hope	4 00	2 76			
Morehead City		1 00			
Island Creek	6 50	2 00			
Newbern		3 00	3887-2500*	35 51	13 65
Piney Grove, Jones		1 75			
Enon					
LaGrange		2 00			
Woodville		1 00			
Corinth	5 00	1 25			
Moore's Creek	5 00	2 00	8 00		
Wilmington, 1st	50 00	5 00	65 00		
Wilmington, 2nd	5 00	1 50			
Totals,	221 25	82 96	170 92	55 11	16 26

Those marked * for Rome Chapel.

B. F. MITCHELL, Chairman.

Committee to revise list of Trustees of Warsaw High School reported. (See 1st page.)

REPORT OF TUSTEES OF WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL.

It will be a source of peculiar gratification to the friends of this institution to know that its prospects are now more encouraging than at any other time since the war. The Trustees have succeeded in securing the

efficient services of Rev. J. N. Stallings, as Principal, with such assistant teachers as may be necessary to place this school on a prosperous and permanent basis as in ante-bellum days.

It is unnecessary for us to speak of the thorough qualification of the Principal. His name is a household word in the homes of the Baptists of the Eastern Association. A man of indomitable energy, of unobtrusive piety, and thoroughly qualified in every respect for a successful instructor of the young. We do hope that he will receive that cordial support and co-operation from us, to which, from the peculiar circumstances of the case, he is justly entitled.

Brethren, this is our work, our school, the off-spring of the Association. We owe it that attention and support which cannot be worded. "But if any provide not for his own and especially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith and is worse than an infidel."

The Churches comprising this Association through their delegates here assembled have unanimously requested and commanded, not to sell the property. Then to what purpose? Why retain it? Will we give it our support? Let us see.

L. R. CARROLL, Chairman Board of Trustees.

Brother B. F. Mitchell offered the following:

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered the good citizens of Newbern for their generous entertainment of the delegates and visitors to the Association; also to the Railroads and Steamboat Companies, for courtesies extended, also to the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches for the use of their houses of worship.

On motion, the Clerk was allowed $20 00 for his services.

A communication from Wilmington 2d Church was read, referring to the ordination of Brother King. On motion, the whole matter was referred to a committee.

The Clerk was ordered to have 1,200 copies of Minutes printed for distribution.

The Treasurer was ordered to pay the Clerk for his services and amount necessary for printing the Minutes, and pay remainder sent up as Minute fund to Executive Committee.

The Trustees of Union Relief Society offered the following report:

The Trustees of Union Relief Society report that they have done very little during the year, and are compelled to report that the Society is in no better condition at this time than it was a year ago.

The condition of the Society will be seen upon referring to the report of Treasurer. D. J. MIDDLETON, Chairman.

Brother J. E. Peterson offered the following, which in his absence, was read by Elder C. J. Nelson:

Inasmuch as we believe that the Eastern Association is too large, containing entirely too much territory, and believing that if properly divided it would work greater advantage to all the churches,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to consider the propriety of dividing this Association, and that the Churches comprising the Eastern Association instruct their delegates to the next meeting of this body in regard to their wishes in this matter.

On motion, brother J. E. Peterson, and Elders C. J. Nel-

son, and J. R. Oliver, were appointed to consider the question of division.

Elders W. M. Kennedy, J. N. Stallings and F. H. Ivey, were appointed to confer with Wilmington 2d Church.

On motion, Elder J. L. Stewart, was added to the committee.

On motion, letter from Ebenezer was taken from the table and that church was given a letter of dismission from this body to join the South River Association.

On motion, letter from Piney Grove, Sampson, asking for next session of the Association, was taken from the table, and the Association unanimously decided to hold the next session with Piney Grove Church.

Committee on Obituaries reported. Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

We have heard of the death of no Minister, and of only one Deacon, Brother Francis Savage, of Berea. A notice of whose life is contained in the letter from that church, which the Clerk is requested to have printed in the Minutes.

W. M. KENNEDY, Chairman.

OBITUARY OF BROTHER FRANCIS SAVAGE.

The Association will be pained to hear of the death of our venerable and much beloved Brother, Deacon Francis Savage. Brother Savage was born in Duplin County, in the year of our Lord 1809. He united with the Church at Island Creek and was baptized on the fifth Sabbath in April, 1843, in behalf of the church at this place, which was then about to be constituted. He was chosen Deacon of this Church soon after and continued to make a faithful and efficient officer until his death. He died Nov. 11th, 1877, after a lingering illness of several months.

The writer can bear witness that he bore his affliction with patient resignation and christian fortitude. Deacon Savage has left a record very rarely seen. As father, husband and grandfather, his example was all that the most exacting could desire. While as a member of Society and as a devoted member of the Church, he has in all his acts and in his noble christian life left with his bereaved widow, children and sincere friends, memories deeply hallowed and affectionately cherished.

In his last sickness he received all the attention, which devoted children, kind friends and medical aid could bestow, but all in vain; the shadow of the death angel's wing was early seen upon his brow, and soon the lineaments, which had carried joy and comfort so often to his household, were stilled in the calm repose of death.

"Oh, for the death of those
Who slumber in the Lord;
Oh, be like theirs my last repose,
Like theirs my last reward."

Done by order of the Church, Saturday before the second Sabbath in September, 1878.

V. N. SEAWELL, C. C.

Brother J. T. Bland, moved that the Clerk be instructed to insert our Church Covenant as contained in the Philadelphia Confession, in the Minutes of this year.

On motion, adjourned until to-night immediately after the sermon. Prayer by Elder J. T. Albritton.

After preaching at night Elder W. M. Kennedy, was called to the Chair, *pro tem*, and proceeded to adjourn the Association in the usual way. Amount of collection $7 24. Adjourned to meet at Piney Grove, Sampson, Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1879.

J. L. STEWART, MODERATOR.

J. L. BRITT, CLERK.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

	CHURCHES.	When Constituted.	Additions.				Dim'nut'ns			Membership.				Time of Meeting.
			Baptized.	By Letter.	Experience.	Restored.	By Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	White Males.	White Females.	Colored.	Total.	
1	Wilmington 1st	.....	33	13	.....	4	16	5	5	109	231	.....	340	2 times Sab.
2	Wilmington 2d	.....	3	9	4	4	2	10	1	24	79	.....	103	2 times Sab.
3	Mt. Holly	.....	1	5	.....	.....	1	4	.....	29	76	.....	105	2d Sabbath.
4	Riley's Creek	.....	5	2	.....	1	1	1	1	38	74	.....	112	3d "
5	Long Creek	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	46	59	.....	105	1st "
6	Moore's Creek	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	53	80	.....	133	4th "
7	Shiloh	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	1	2	1	52	101	.....	153	3d "
8	Bethlehem	.....	5	1	.....	1	1	1	2	42	81	.....	123	2d "
9	Haw Plain	.....	1	2	.....	.....	2	1	2	46	65	.....	111	3d "
10	Wolf's Chapel	.....	.....	1	.....	2	8	3	2	59	109	.....	168	2d "
11	New Hope	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	3	4	3	86	127	.....	213	1st "
12	Lisbon	.....	15	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	46	62	.....	108	1st "
13	Ebenezer	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	1	.....	1	32	33	.....	65	3d "
14	Canenack Chapel	.....	5	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	2	31	33	.....	64	1st "
15	Boykin's Chapel	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	1	2	43	85	.....	128	1st "
16	Mt. Gilead	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	3	1	2	37	81	.....	118	4th "
17	Rocky	.....	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	39	69	.....	108	2d "
18	Piney Grove, Sam	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	2	4	1	79	133	13	225	2d "
19	Bethel	.....	6	2	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	25	38	.....	63	1st "
20	Canaan	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
21	Falling Creek	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	10	32	1	42	2d Sabbath.
22	Mt. Calvary	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	9	.....	17	3d "
23	Fremont*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	2	.....	4	.....
24	Goldsboro	.....	.....	5	.....	1	6	.....	1	45	108	.....	153	2 times Sab.
25	Mt. Olive	.....	1	2	.....	.....	7	6	.....	44	71	.....	115	4th Sabbath.
26	Bear Marsh	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	3	1	54	120	.....	174	3d "
27	Mary's Chapel	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	24	.....	44	4th "
28	Warsaw	.....	.....	7	.....	2	9	4	1	69	140	.....	209	3d "
29	Clinton	.....	1	1	.....	.....	1	.....	2	20	43	.....	63	3d "
30	Johnson's	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	6	1	4	45	102	.....	147	1st "
31	Kenansville	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	19	48	.....	67	2d "
32	Magnolia	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	10	1	.....	61	106	.....	167	4th "
33	Concord	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	32	60	.....	92	4th "
34	Corinth	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	3	4	.....	29	47	.....	76	4th "
35	Berea	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	3	1	.....	26	38	.....	64	2d "
36	Dobson's Chapel	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	1	11	38	.....	49	3d "
37	Island Creek	.....	20	3	7	1	2	.....	.....	55	117	.....	172	1st "
38	Hallsville	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	55	90	.....	145	4th "
39	Union Chapel	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	4	1	11	48	.....	59	4th "
40	Jacksonville	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	12	28	.....	40	2d "
41	Rose Hill	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	9	.....	14	3d "
42	Enon	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	2	17	33	.....	50	.....
43	Piney Grove, Ons	.....	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27	35	.....	62	1st Sabbath.
44	Caperna'um*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	24	.....	39	.....
45	Treyton	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	20	.....	26	1st Sabbath.
46	Kinston	.....	6	2	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	23	45	.....	68	2 times Sab.
47	LaGrange	.....	5	2	.....	.....	.....	2	1	25	50	.....	75	4th Sabbath.
48	Union	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	20	.....	23	2d "
49	Newbern	.....	3	4	.....	.....	4	1	4	44	114	.....	158	2 times Sab.
50	Beaufort	.....	4	1	.....	.....	1	16	.....	27	50	.....	77	.....
51	Morehead City	.....	1	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	6	17	.....	23	3d Sabbath.
52	Smyrna	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	24	59	.....	83	.....
53	Davis Shore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
54	Salem	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	1	7	10	.....	17	1st Sabbath.
55	Bethel	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	16	44	.....	60	4th "
56	Piney Grove, Jon's	.....	...	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	33	49	.....	82	.....
57	Woodville	.....	6	2	.....	.....	.....	1	2	12	15	.....	27	4th Sabbath.
58	Port Barnwell	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	6	16	.....	22	1st "
	Total	.....	162	105	11	17	106	102	52	1840	3497	14	5351	

These marked * taken from last year's Minutes.

PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND P. O.	CLERKS AND P. O.
NEW HANOVER COUNTY.		
Wilmington 1st	J. B. Taylor, Wilmington	J. W. Collins, Wilmington
Wilmington 2d	J. P. King, Licentiate "	C. H. Newberry. "
PENDER COUNTY.		
Mt. Holly	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia	Isaiah Carroll, So Wash'ton
Riley's Creek	" "	W. W. Larkins, Long Creek
Long Creek	J. B. Barlow, Wilmington	J. H. Brinson, "
Moore's Creek	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store	G. W. Woodcock, Pt Caswell
Shiloh ,	C. C. Newton, Herringsville	H. A. Bland, Moore's Creek
Bethlehem	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store	B F. Keith, Point Caswell.
Canetuck Chapel	" "	D. J. Corbet, Nat Moore.
BLADEN COUNTY.		
Haw Bluff	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store	J. F. Croom, Point Caswel [Store.]
SAMPSON COUNTY.		
Bell's Chapel	C. C. Newton, Herringsville	L. R. Highsmith, Harrell's
Bethel	" "	M. H. Oats, Taylor's Bridge
New Hope	H. S. Spivey, Clinton	J. L. Carroll, Six Runs.
Lisbon	J. N. Stallings, Warsaw	R. Herring, Herringsville.
Ebenezer	G. S. Best, Kenansville	R. Highsmith, Warrensville
Boykin's Chapel	J. L. Stewart, Clinton	A. Robinson, Clinton.
Mt. Gilead	" "	Jno. J. Vann, "
Rowan	W. H. Howard, "	J. D. Malpass, "
Clinton	J. L. Stewart, "	G. W. Marsh, "
Bulah	G. W. Hufham, Warsaw	J. T. Moore, Warsaw.
Piney Grove, Sampson	J. L. Stewart, Clinton	J. W. Lane, Faison's.
Brown's	H. S. Spivey, "	G. W. Highsmith, Clinto n
Canaan	J. T. Albritton, Mt. Olive	
WAYNE COUNTY.		
Falling Creek	J. T. Albritton, Mt. Olive	M. E. Britt, Goldsboro.
Mt. Calvary	C. J. Nelson, Goldsboro	R. A. Parker, Dudley.
Fremont	No Pastor	G. B. Ballinger, Fremont.
Goldsboro	F. H. Ivey, Goldsboro	J. M. Hollowell, Goldsboro
Mt. Olive	J. N. Stallings, Warsaw	W. B. Oliver, Mt. Olive.
DUPLIN COUNTY.		
Bear Marsh	J. N. Stallings, Warsaw	B. J. Millard, Mt. Olive.
Mary's Chapel	G. S. Best, Kenansville.	F. M. Southerland, Warsaw
Johnson's	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia,	O. P. Middleton, "
Warsaw	J. L. Britt, LaGrange	S. M. Carlton, "
Kenansville	J. N. Stallings, Warsaw	D. J. Middleton, Kenansville
Magnolia	G. W. Hufham "	G. W. Carroll, Kenansville
Concord	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia	L. R. Matthews, Rose Hill.
Corinth	" "	I. J. Johnson, Rockfish.
Berea	H. M. Croom, Wallace	V. N. Seawell, Wallace.
Island Creek	G. S. Best, Kenansville	H. T. Savage, "
Dobson's Chapel	H. M. Croom, Wallace	J. P. Tucker, Kenansville
Hallsville	" "	J. D. Brown, Hallsville.
ONSLOW COUNTY.		
Union Chapel	J. R. Oliver, Tar Landing	Jno. Marshburn, Cath Lake
Rose Hill	" "	D. N. Page, Tar Landing.
Jacksonville		S. M. Clants, Jacksonville.
Enon		L. O. Fonville, Duck Creek
Piney Grove	R. C. Sandling, Swansboro	W. E. Morton, Swansboro.
Capernaum	" "	J. D. Melville, Palo Alto.
Salem	J. R. Oliver, Tar Landing	J. A. Newly, Sneeds Ferry.
JONES COUNTY.		
Trenton	G. S. Best, Kenansville	L. H. Mallard, Trenton.
Piney Grove	" "	J. N. Whitly, Pollocksville.
LENOIR COUNTY.		
Kinston	J. K. Faulkner, Kinston	J. F. Hill, Kinston.
LaGrange	J. L. Britt, LaGrange	D. A. Murphy, LaGrange.
Union	" "	W. E. Sutton, Kinston,
CRAVEN COUNTY.		
Fort Barnwell	J. L. Britt, LaGrange	J. W. Biddle, Cobton.
Newbern	F. W. Eason, Newbern	F. W. Hancock, Newbern.
CARTERET COUNTY.		
Beaufort		G. D. Davis, Beaufort.
Smyrna		Isa Davis, Beaufort,
Morehead City	Jacob Utley, Morehead City	J. T. Eaton, Hollywood.
Davis' Shore	T. J. Leary, Beaufort	R. L. Pane, Beaufort.
Woodville	" "	D. F. Arthur, "

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	No. Teachers.	No. Pupils.	Volumes in Library.
Berea	V. N. Seawell	.....	.....	125
Newbern	A. M. Barker	18	108	500
Hallsville	C. C. Williams	8	50	.....
Shiloh	C. P. Moore	5	90	200
Riley's Creek	W. W. Larkins	8	40	100
Haw Bluff	A. J. Bordeaux	.....	.....	.....
Rose Hill	D. N. Page	.....	.....	.....
Johnson's	O. P. Middleton	10	50	50
Bethlehem	D. P. Bland	7	76	100
Well's Chapel	S. J. Faison	.....	.....	.....
Union	P. Spence	.....	.....	.....
Smyrna	A. S. Willis	12	85	.....
Beaufort	J. D. Davis	8	40	.....
Piney Grove, Sampson,	J. W. Lane	6	35	.....
New Hope	L. R. Carroll	5	70	.....
Island Creek	J. G. Dukes	5	75	44
Trenton	Peter Andrews	4	20	.....
Woodville	David Authar	5	20	15
Bethel	Reports Union School	4	45	.....
Goldsboro	J. E. Peterson	10	100	.....
Bear Marsh	F. J. Lambert	13	93	.....
Mary's Chapel	F. H. Rogers	6	37	.....
Warsaw	S. M. Carlton	8	66	.....
La-Grange	H. A. Litchfield	10	24	50
Long Creek	M. E. Herring	3	71	35
Salem	J. B. Willis	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Holly	A. Carroll	6	30	.....
Wilmington 1st	Wm. Larkins	19	218	500
Magnolia	B. C. Barden	6	44	186
Beulah	G. Clute	3	17	.....
Wilmington 2d	J. W. S. Harvey	8	41	35
Falling Creek	G. R. Hood, Jr	6	56	.....
Canetuck Chapel	T. O. Flinn	7	0[illegible]	.....
Moore's Creek	Miss Bell Alderman	5	40	50
Piney Grove, Jones,	J. M. Rhodes	7	48	.....
Piney Grove, Onslow,	A. H. Humphrey	5	45	25
Morehead City	Reports Union School	.....	.....	.....
Kinston	E. F. Cox	18	115	235
Mt Olive	J. F. Oliver	10	88	125
Total,		225	1794	2375

Constitution of the Eastern Baptist Association.

ARTICLE 1—This Association shall be denominated and known as the Eastern Association.

ART. 2—The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ART. 3—This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates, who shall be members of that church.

ART. 4—The delegates from each church shall bear a letter, certifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the state of the church; *Provided, however*, That when any church has prepared a letter and through inadvertence the letter fails to be presented, her delegates may be received without its presentation.

ART. 5—The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen from among its members by ballot, by a majority of the members voting, and continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6—It shall be the duty of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion after others have spoken and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7—It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session and superintend their printing and distribution among the churches.

ART. 8—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

ART. 9—The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee of seven members, which committee shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and Colportage. They shall have the power to disburse all sums paid by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and during intervals between the meetings of this body to receive and disburse funds for those objects and to take such steps for their advancement as they shall deem advisable, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings.

ART. 10—The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of her churches which neglect to preserve gospel order.

ART. 11—The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats and extend to them all the privileges of the body except that of voting.

ART. 12—The annual session of this Association shall commence on Tuesday after the first Lord's day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

ART. 13—By appointment of the Association, there shall be an Introductory Sermon of a denominational character, and a Missionary Sermon.

ART. 14—This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

Rules of Order.

1.—On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceeding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence, a chairman *pro tem.*, shall be elected.

2.—Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.

3.—At each daily session, and previous to proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous daily sessions read.

4.—The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes christians.

5.—Any member wishing to speak shall arise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.

6.—No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.

7.—All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer before discussion.

8.—No motion shall be withdrawn after its discussion.

9.—When a question is under discussion, no motion or proposition shall be received, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

10.—After a motion is decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11.—No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the presiding officer, and no one shall take final leave of absence without the permission of the Association, and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the minutes.

12.—All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13.—The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to consideration.

14.—The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a majority of votes.

Rules of Decorum for the Churches.

1.—We will hold at least four Conference meetings in the year for the transaction of business, also special meetings whenever requisite.

2.—The names of the members shall be called at every regular meeting, and there shall be due notice taken of the absence of those who discover a disposition to absent themselves.

3.—At every Conference, the pastor, in his right of office, shall preside as Moderator, and in case of his absence, the Conference shall appoint a Moderator *pro tem.*, who shall open Conference by devotional exercises.

4.—The Clerk shall keep a Church book, in which all the proceedings of the Conference shall be faithfully transcribed, and at every regular meeting the minutes of the preceeding meeting shall be read immediately after the names are called.

5 —An invitation shall be given to brethren of our faith and order to sit with us in Conference, who shall enjoy all the privileges of the meeting except that of voting.

6.—Every subject for the consideration of the Conference shall be introduced by a motion, which when seconded, shall be debated and acted upon, unless withdrawn by the mover.

7.—Every speaker shall rise and address the Moderator by the appellation of brother, and shall confine his remarks to the subject under debate and shall not be allowed to speak more than twice on one subject unless by permission of the Church.

8.—No member shall withdraw from the Conference without the permission of the Moderator.

9.—It shall be required that in matters of difference between members, before complaint is made to the Church, the aggrieved party shall have attended to the instructions of the Lord, Matt. 18th chapter, 16th, 17th and 18th verses, and public offences or such as operate against the peace of the Church, shall be the subject of discipline.

10.—All questions submitted to the Conference shall be decided by a majority of votes, except receiving members to fellowship; and any question may be reconsidered upon the motion of any who may vote in the affirmative.

11 —The Moderator shall propound all questions for vote—shall keep the speakers to the subject under debate—may express his own views, after others are done speaking and see that these rules are faithfully observed.

12.—These Rules of Decorum may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the whole Church.

Resolved, That this Association recommend the adoption of the foregoing rules to all the Churches that comprise this body.

Order of Business.

1.—Reading Church Letters and Enrolling Delegates.
2.—Election of Officers.
3.—Call for Petitionary Letters.
4.—Appointment of Committees.
5.—Appointment of Corresponding Delegates.
6.—Reports of Standing Committees.
7.—Reports of other Committees.
8.—Report of Trustees of Ministers' Relief Society.
9.—Report of Treasurer.
10.—Miscellaneous Business.
11.—Incidental and Routine Motions shall be in order any time.
12.—Adjournment.

DUPLICATE

MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

EASTERN

Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

PINEY GROVE CHURCH, SAMPSON COUNTY,

October 7th, 8th and 8th, 1879.

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J. N. STALLINGS, Warsaw.	C. J. NELSON, Goldsboro.
W. M. KENNEDY, Magnolia.	R. C. SANDLING, Beaufort.
G. S. BEST, Kenansville.	J. T. LEARY, Beaufort.
G. W. HUFHAM, Warsaw.	J. T. UTLEY, Morehead City.
J. L. BRITT, Warsaw.	E. A. BEST, Richlands.
J. K. FALKNER, Kinston.	F. W. EASON, Newbern.

PROCEEDINGS.

PINEY GROVE CHURCH,
SAMPSON CO., N. C., October 7, 1879.

The Eastern Association convened according to appointment in the Piney Grove Baptist Church.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder F. W. Eason, of Newbern, N. C., from 2nd chapter of Songs of Solomon, 3rd, 4th and 5th verses.

After an intermission of three-quarters of an hour, the Moderator called the Association together.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Elder J. K. Faulkner.

On motion a Finance Committee was appointed, consisting of Brethren J. L. Boykin, S. E. Loftin and L. R. Highsmith.

Brethren L. R. Carroll and John T. Bland were appointed Assistant Clerks.

Proceeded to call roll of churches, and the following names were enrolled as delegates:

Wilmington, 1st—Eld. J. B. Taylor, George T. Alderman, Joseph W. Taylor.
Wilmington, 2nd—Eld. J. P. King, W. Hurst, J. J. King.
Boykin's Chapel—J. L. Boykin, M. C. Peterson, W. H. Boykin.
Newbern—Eld. F. W. Eason.
Corinth—J. T. Wilkins, D. S. Register.
Kinston—Eld. J. K. Faulkner, J. M. Wooten, S. E. Loftin.
Shiloh—J. T. Bland. A. T. Herring.
Mary's Chapel—Eld. G. S. Best, T. M. Southerland.
Lisbon—Eld. C. C. Newton, Richard Herring.
Haw Bluff—J. T. Croom.
Canaan—Bryant Elmore, Redding Carr.
Bear Marsh—B. J. Millard, B. H. Walker.
Bethlehem—D. P. Bland, Eld. J. P. Faison.
Piney Grove, (Sampson)—J. O. Clifton, O. M. Matthews, J. C. Hobbs.
Rowan—A. Merrett, Patrick Oquin.
Warsaw—Eld. J. N. Stallings, A. M. Faison.
Mt. Holly—Isaiah Carroll, Jas. M. Lee.
Mt. Gilead—B. Matthews, John J. Vann.
Goldsboro—Eld. F. H. Ivey, W. H. Avery, H. T. Jones.
Kenansville—R. Bryan, D. J. Middleton.
Wells Chapel—W. K Johnson, L. R. Highsmith.
New Hope—L. R. Carroll, F. M. Carroll, C. H. Smith.
Beulah—Giles Clute, Eld. J. L. Britt.
Salem—J. R. Marshall.

Long Creek—H. B. White.
Jacksonsville—W. K. Ramsey.
Johnson's—Eld. W. M. Kennedy, O. P. Middleton.
Union Chapel—J. P. Cox, J. K. Brown.
Mt. Calvary—Eld. J. T. Albritton, G. W. Parker.
Falling Creek—J. R. Hood, Jr., M. E. Britt, E. B. Jordan.
Mt. Olive—C. K. Millard, Jesse Roberts, J. F. Oliver.
Rose Hill—Eld J. R. Oliver, Jere. Aman.
Woodville—Eld. J. T. Leary.
Dobson's Chapel—Thomas Kilpatrick.
Island Creek—Enoch Heldt.
Clinton—Eld. J. L. Stewart, J. H. Stevens.
Berea—R. J. Johnson.
Concord—Wm. Brice, L. A. Kennedy, J. T. Kennedy.
Moore's Creek—J. N. Alderman, J. D. Alderman.
Fremont—Thos. Clark, W. H. Godwin.
Magnolia—John W. Swinson, D. Moore, G. W. Swinson.
Morehead City—J. T. Eaton.
Beaufort—Eld. R. C. Sandling.
Bethel—M. H. Oats.
Hallsville—Jas. D. Brown.
Riley's Creek—Joel Hines, G. W. Walker, W. W. Larkins.
Meadow Bridge—Jas. Andrews.
Masonboro—J. J. Beasley, M. C. Walton, G. W. Hewlett.

LaGrange, Union, Piney Grove (Onslow), Canetuck Chapel, Piney Grove (Jones), and Enon were represented by letter.

On motion, letters from Moore's Creek, Mt. Olive, Magnolia, Hallsville, LaGrange, Beaufort, Morehead City, Bethel, Piney Grove (Onslow), were laid on the table.

On motion, letter from Fremont was referred to Executive Committee.

The next business in order was the election of officers for the ensuing year. The following were appointed as tellers: For Moderator, M. H. Oats and Elder O. M. Matthews; for Clerk, Chas. K. Millard and J. J. Beasley; for Treasurer, Thos. Clark and F. M. Carroll. The election resulted as follows: Elder J. L. Stewart re-elected Moderator, Elder J. L. Britt re-elected Clerk, A. M. Faison re-elected Treasurer.

Petitionary letters were called for.

A letter from Meadow Bridge was presented asking for admission into this body, and on motion was received and right hand of fellowship extended by the Moderator.

On motion, Committee of Arrangements was appointed consisting of Pastor and Deacons of this church and brethren B. Oliver and Joel Hines.

Elder J. B. Taylor moved that committees be appointed on the following subjects: Ministerial Support, Foreign Missions, State and Home Missions, Education, Periodicals, Sunday Schools, Temperance, audit Treasurers' account of Asso-

ciation and Executive Committee, revise list of Trustees of Warsaw High School, nominate Executive Committee, nominate delegates to Baptist State Convention, nominate preachers for stated sermons, obituaries, and time and place of next meeting.

The Moderator appointed the following as committees:

Foreign Missions—Eld. J. B. Taylor, D. J. Middleton, G. A. Newell.
State and Home Missions.—Eld. J. K. Faulkner, John J. Vann, R. Hering.
Education.—Elds. T. H. Pritchard, J. N Stallings and J. T. Bland.
Periodicals.—Elds. F. W. Eason, J. T. Albritton, J. R. Faison.
Sunday Schools.—Eld. F. H. Ivey, G. Clute and O. P. Middleton.
Temperance—Elds. J. R. Oliver, R. C. Sandling and J. T. Eaton.
To Audit Account of Treasurer of Association and Executive Committee.—Eld. J. N. Stallings, B. Matthews and Jesse Roberts.
To Nominate Executive Committee.—Eld. C. C. Newton, A. Royall and Joel Hines.
To Nominate Delegates to Baptist State Convention.—J. M. Wooten, J. W. Taylor and J. W. Swinson.
To Revise List of Trustees of Warsaw High School.—Eld. George S. Best, A. Daniel and A. M. Faison.
Ministerial Support.—W. H. Avera, L. R. Carroll, W. H. Thomson.
Obituaries.—Eld. J. N. Stallings, A. Alderman and Eld. J. P. Faison.
Stated Sermons.—M. E. Britt, J. P. Cox, Isaiah Carroll.
Time and Place of Next Meeting.—J. L. Boykin, Eld. J. N. Stallings and C. H. Smith.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats. T. H. Pritchard, D.D., President of Wake Forest College, announced himself, and was welcomed to a seat by the Moderator.

On motion, report on education was made the special order for to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

Committee of Arrangements reported as follows: Preaching to-morrow at 11 o'clock by Elder J. K. Faulkner; in the evening by Elder J. B. Taylor.

On motion, adjourned till 9 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow. Prayer by Elder C. C. Newton.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, October 8, 1879.

Moderator called the Association to order. Devotional exercises conducted by Elder C. C. Newton. Prayer by Dr. Pritchard. Roll called. Proceedings of yesterday read and approved.

The time for special order having arrived, Dr. Pritchard read the report on education. After which, he addressed the body upon that subject.

Visiting brethren invited to seats. Brother Kadar Vann and Elder H. S. Spivey announced themselves as corresponding messengers from the South River Association; also Prof. F. P. Hobgood, Principal of Raleigh Baptist Female Seminary, and Elder C. T. Bailey, editor of the *Biblical Recorder*.

Prof. Hobgood made remarks upon the pending motion, which was to adopt the report on education.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The interests of education are of paramount importance to the welfare of both Church and State.

As a denomination we cannot allow other denominations to educate our children, and it should be a matter of sincere congratulation that we have so many excellent schools for the training of both sexes. At Murfreesboro, in the East, Raleigh and Thomasville in the centre, and Hendersonville in the West, we have prosperous institutions for girls, and your own school at Warsaw for boys and girls

Your Committee are pleased to report that our college at Wake Forest is in a prosperous condition. There are in actual attendance there this session one hundred and thirty students, and it is confidently believed that the college will report one hundred and fifty by next June.

Among these are twenty-five students for the ministry, of whom fifteen are beneficiaries, supported by the Board of Education. This Board allows each beneficiary the sum of $96.00, which is sufficient only to pay his board and washing for a year. No student for the ministry of any denomination is charged tuition at this institution.

The object of the Board is not to make it an easy matter for the young minister to obtain an education, but by extending a certain measure of aid to make it a possible thing.

There are probably now not less than seventy-five young men among the Baptists of this State, who, in the opinion of the brethren, are called of God to preach the gospel. Nearly all of these men are unable to educate themselves by reason of poverty. Preach they will, and preach they should, but they would be far more efficient and useful if they were prepared for their life-work by a liberal education. Some associations, and even some single churches, are paying the expenses of a young minister at college, and the Beulah Association has three beneficaries sustained by its liberality.

Your Committee would, in conclusion, respectfully suggest an increase of interest on the part of this Association in behalf of the cause of education generally, and ministerial education particularly.

T. H. PRITCHARD,
J. N. STALLINGS,
J. T. BLAND,
Committee.

The Association adjourned to hear the Missionary Sermon, which was preached by Elder J. K. Faulkner, of Kinston, from II. Cor., viii: 7. Amount of collection, $24.52.

EVENING SESSION.

The Moderator called the body to order. Prayer by Elder J. T. Albritton.

The delegates from Riley's Creek stated that the letter sent up by them had been misplaced, and on motion, they were recognized as members of the body.

Petitionary letter from Masonboro, of the Cape Fear Association, accompanied by a letter from that body, was presented, and, on motion, was received as a member of this body.

On motion, B. H. Walker was given leave of absence for remainder of session.

On motion, any brother attending any sister Association was authorized to represent us.

On motion, the committee appointed at last session to consider the matter of dividing the Association, was discharged.

Letter from Moore's Creek, asking for ordination of Bro. A. B. Alderman, was taken from the table. A motion was made and carried to appoint a presbytery to examine Bro. Alderman, and ordain to full work of the gospel ministry if found qualified.

J. J. King was given final leave of absence.

Letter from Morehead City was taken from the table, and, on motion, was referred to Executive Committee.

Committee to revise list of Trustees of Warsaw High School reported. (See page 2.)

Committee to nominate delegates to Baptist State Convention reported the following:

Elders J. B. Taylor, W. M. Kennedy, H. M. Croom, G. S. Best, J. R. Oliver, J. K. Faulkner, J. N. Stallings, F. H. Ivey, J. L. Stewart, G. W. Hufham, J. P. Faison, C C. Newton, J. L. Britt, J. T. Albritton, F. W. Eason, C. J. Nelson, and Brethren B. Oliver, E. F. Cox, Joseph W. Taylor, J. F. Oliver, Wm. Powell.

Resolved, That any person attending the State Convention, who is a member of a church within our bounds an in good standing, be requested to act as a delegate until our number be filled.

J. M. WOOTEN,
J. W. TAYLOR,
J. W. SWINSON,
Committee.

On motion, report of Executive Committee was made special order for to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

Letter from Beaufort was taken from the table, and, on motion, was referred to Executive Committee.

Elder F. W. Eason stated that there were copies of Bro. Ivey's Memorial Address on the Life and Character of Dr. Wingate in the house, which could be had by any wishing it.

Committee on Foreign Missions reported.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has about forty-five missionaries, native missionaries and assistants in Africa, China and Italy. These are efficient, self-sacrificing, noble men and women. The favor of the Almighty has been upon their work in a remarkable degree. God is blessing the toils and sacrifices of these laborers. The fields are white for the harvest. The Foreign Mission Board is our agent. Let us sustain it with our co-operative sympathy, our prayers and our means.

In this matter the Master expects each to do his duty. Let our pastors and Sunday School Superintendents bring and keep this great interest before the minds of those committed to their watchcare, by information as to facts, and exhortations as to duty.

A valuable auxiliary will be found in the *Foreign Mission Journal*, the monthly paper published at a low price by the Board in Richmond. It will be sent gratuitously to all ministers who will forward their names and post offices.

Every pastor, moreover, should procure each year the Minutes of the Southern Baptist Convention, which he can obtain by enclosing a three cent stamp to the Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board. These Minutes contain a complete summary of the Foreign Mission work done under the auspices of our Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. TAYLOR,
GEO. A. NEWELL,
D. J. MIDDLETON,
Committee.

Remarks by Elder F. W. Eason and Jos. W. Taylor.

Adopted.

Committee on State and Home Missions reported.

REPORT ON STATE AND HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee report that the State Mission Board has had in its employment eighteen missionaries during the year ending 5th November, 1879. Of these, none have labored within our bounds. Its Committee is located at Raleigh, with Bro. W. H. Pace, President, and J. E. Ray, Secretary. Your Committee regret the absence of statistics, which should make an interesting item of this report.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention does its work principally through its agent, Bro. E. Dodson. He has received heretofore from $800 to $1,000 within the bounds of this State.

We need only to urge the brethren to acquaint themselves more fully with the separate work their Boards are doing within the State.

J. K. FAULKNER,
J. J. VANN,
R. HERRING,
Committee.

Remarks by Elders C. T. Bailey and W. M. Kennedy.
Report adopted.
Trustees of Warsaw High School reported.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL.

We are gratified to report that this Institution is now in a more prosperous condition than at any other time during the last twenty years, under the management of its present efficient and worthy Principal, Rev. J. N. Stallings.

The apparently insurmountable obstacles which have for years impeded its progress, have at last been removed, and a bright and hopeful future is now before it.

The entire school property has been leased to the Principal for ten years, from January 1st, 1879, to January 1st, 1889, at a yearly rental of seventy-five dollars, to be applied to the repair and improvement of the property.

The lessee has already paid four years' rent in necessary repairs. There are now sixty eight pupils attending the school, nineteen of whom board in the Institution. The Principal has four assistants in his corps of instructors: Fleet Rose Cooper, a graduate of Wake Forest College; Miss Lucy B. Kennedy, a graduate of the Raleigh Female Seminary; Miss Minnie E. Stallings, a partial graduate of the same school, and Miss Kate E. Stallings—all members of the Baptist denomination, and thoroughly qualified in every respect as instructors of the young, and worthy of the confidence and patronage of the Baptists of the Eastern Association, and of our entire State.

Enlarged accommodations for boarding pupils and providing school rooms are now being made, with board and tuition so reasonable as to be within the reach of all who desire to avail themselves of the peculiar advantages which their school affords.

Dear Brethren, this is our school, the property of the Eastern Association; give it that encouragement, that cordial support, to which it is so justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,
L. R. CARROLL,
Chairman Board of Trustees.

Remarks by Elder J. N. Stallings, the Principal of the School. Report adopted.

Committee of Arrangements reported the following: Elder F. H. Ivey to preach to-morrow at 11 o'clock, A. M.; Elder J. N. Stallings at 2½ o'clock, P. M.

On motion, adjourned. Prayer by Elder W. M. Kennedy.

THURSDAY MORNING, October 9, 1879.

Moderator called the Association to order. Devotional exercises conducted by Elder G. S. Best.

On motion, all the letters from churches asking for next session of the Association were taken from the table.

Committee on time and place of meeting referred the matter of place to the Association.

On motion, proceeded to determine the place for holding the next session by a vote of the delegates present. Bethel was selected as the place.

Executive Committee reported.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Executive Committee beg leave to report:

We have received for the work intrusted to us for the past year $347 00, and have expended $200.50. We have had the services of Rev. J. R. Oliver for his whole time in the destitution of Onslow county. He has assisted in constituting one new church—Meadow Bridge. He speaks encouragingly of his field, though no increase in membership during the year. The opposition spoken of last year, he says, is not so manifest at present.

Bro. Best attended Trenton and Piney Grove for three months, but discontinued his appointments on account of his inability to attend them longer. We have also rendered some assistance to Union, Lenoir county, and Fort Barnwell, Craven county, two very important places. Bro. J. L Britt speaks very encouragingly of the prospects at these points.

We have given you a brief statement of our work during the past year. Probably much more could have been accomplished if we could have had means sufficient to have sent another efficient man into the field, but we were without the means and had to curtail our work. Brethren, the situation is before you concerning the vast destitution. Can you do more to help the Board to extend their operations, which will more fully appear from the number of letters referred to the Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

D. J. MIDDLETON,
Chairman

Remarks by Elders J. P. Faison, J. B. Taylor, R. C. Sandling, and Brethren J. M. Wooten, J. T. Bland, J. W. Lane and J. T. Eaton.

Report adopted.

On motion, list of churches was called and the following pledges made: Wilmington (First), $25; Wilmington (Second), $5; Mt. Holly, $5; Riley's Creek, $10; Moore's Creek, $5; Shiloh, $5; Haw Bluff, $5; Boykin's Chapel, $10; Piney Grove (Sampson), $15; Canaan, $5; Falling Creek, $5; Mt. Calvary, $3; Fremont, $3; Goldsboro, $10; Mt. Olive, $15; Bear Marsh, $10; Mary's Chapel, $2.50; Warsaw, $15; Clinton, $10; Johnson's, $10; Kenansville, $5; Concord, $5; Corinth, $5; Union Chapel, $2; Jacksonville, $2; Kinston, $20; La Grange, $5; Meadow Bridge, $2; Masonboro, $5.

The following individual pledges were made: J. W. Taylor, $5 for Beaufort church; Giles Clute, $5; R. J. Johnson,

$1; J. D. Brown, $1; J. R. Marsh, $1; M. H. Oats, $1; O. P. Middleton, $1; W. M. Kennedy, $1; B. Oliver, $10; D. F. Aman, $1; G. A. Newell, $5; B. J. Millard, $1; G. S. Best, $2.50; M. C. Peterson, $1.

R. Herring was given leave of absence for remainder of session.

Sunday School Board reported.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

The Sunday School Board beg leave to report that they have held Sunday School Institutes at various points within the bounds of our Association, with encouraging results. A number of Sunday Schools have been organized. A Sunday School Convention was called the last of August, at Warsaw, at which Convention the question as to the propriety of sending out a Sunday School Missionary and Colporteur to labor within the bounds of this Association, was ably and earnestly discussed, and the matter was referred to the Association for its consideration. The Sunday School cause seems to be looking up generally within our bounds.

Respectfully submitted,
GILES CLUTE,
Chairman.

Adopted.

Committee on Sunday Schools reported.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The report of the Sunday School Board of the Association renders unnecessary any lengthy report from this committee.

We would only say, that if the Sunday School Board think it expedient to put a missionary and colporteur in the field, we would most heartily endorse such action, and earnestly commend such a worker to the cordial support of the churches. We have no work of greater importance, and none that promises larger results of good.

F. H IVEY,
G. CLUTE,
O. P. MIDDLETON,
Committee.

Remarks by Elders J. P. Faison, W. M. Kennedy, and Brethren J. M. Wooten, O. P. Middleton, L. R. Carroll, G. Clute and W. H. Avera. Adopted.

Bro. W. H. Avera offered the following, which was carried:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Association that a Sunday School Missionary and colporteur ought to be put in the field.

The special committee appointed at the last session of the Association relative to the orthodoxy of J. P. King, of the Second Baptist church of Wilmington, N. C., reported. Report laid on the table.

On motion, J. P. Cox, D. F. Aman, Jere. Aman, J. J. Vann, F. H. Ivey, T. J. Leary, J. T. Eaton, were given leave of absence for remainder of session.

Association adjourned half an hour for dinner.

Evening Session.

The Finance Committee presented the following report:

CHURCHES.	Itinerancy.	Minute Fund.	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	State Missions	Education.	Sunday Schools.
Wilmington—First	$ 5 00	$ 4 00	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....
Wilmington—Second	5 00	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Holly	1 85	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Long Creek	5 00	57	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Moore's Creek	5 00	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wells' Chapel	7 30	2 50	3 28	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Hope	7 00	1 87	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Haw Bluff	5 00	1 50	3 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....
Boykin's Chapel	10 00	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethlehem	5 00	1 50	9 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Gilead	5 60	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Piney Grove (Sampson)	10 25	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Beulah	5 35	80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Canaan	4 35	1 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Falling Creek	4 45	1 30	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Goldsboro	10 00	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Olive	10 00	2 50	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Warsaw	15 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mary's Chapel	2 25	55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clinton	10 00	1 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Johnson's	9 50	1 45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kenansville	.....	1 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mognolia	4 00	1 45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Concord	5 00	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Corinth	5 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dobson's Chapel	75	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Island Creek	8 10	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hallsville	3 00	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kinston	10 00	3 00	2 20	2 24	2 20	2 20	2 20
Swansboro	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Shiloh	5 00	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Meadow Bridge	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lisbon	.....	1 50	2 40	.....	.....	.....	.....
Canetuck Chapel	.....	1 25	2 50	2 50	.....	.....	.....
Rowan	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fremont	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Calvary	.....	75	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bear Marsh	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

REPORT ON FINANCE—*Continued.*

CHURCHES.	Itinerancy.	Minute Fund.	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	State Missions	Education.	Sunday Schools.
Berea	$	1 45	$ 1 00	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....
Union Chapel	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jacksonsville	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rose Hill	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Newbern	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Morehead City	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Beaufort	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethel	.....	1 50	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Woodville	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Piney Grove (Jones)	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Piney Grove (Onslow)	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
La Grange	5 00	1 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Riley's Creek	30	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Masonboro	.....	3 00	1 75	1 00	.....	.....	.....
Enon	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals	$ 190 35	$81 39	$35 63	$5 24	$2 00	$2 20	$2 20

We have on hand a balance of $5.41.

J. L. BOYKIN,
S. E. LOFTIN,
L. R. HIGHSMITH,
Committee.

Committee on Stated Sermons reported as follows:

To preach Introductory Sermon, Elder J. L. Stewart; alternate, Elder J. T. Albritton; Missionary Sermon, Elder F. H. Ivey; alternate, Elder C. C. Newton.

M. E. BRITT,
J. P. COX,
ISAIAH CARROLL,
Committee.

Committee to nominate Executive Committee reported. (See 2nd page.)

On motion funds in hands of Finance Committee was ordered to be paid over to Treasurer of Association.

Committee on Temperance reported.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Notwithstanding so much has been written and spoken on this subject, we regret to note the great indifference to it. We advise prompt action to lectures on this subject. So let us arouse to duty, and show our faith by our works. Our greatest hope of staying the tide of intemperance is for

preachers to continue to present its evils, churches to deal firmly yet kindly with all offenders, and for us to pray for grace to make us faithful in word and example. Regarding it as proper for us as a religious body to put ourselves on record herein, we propose the following as calculated to aid in accomplishing the great end in view:

We, the members of this Association, believe intemperance to be a prolific source of disease, poverty, vice and crime; that moderate drinking is the primary cause of drunkenness; that it is good neither to drink wine nor anything whereby many stumble and are made weak; that we who are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves; therefore we commend abstaining from the use of alcoholic liquors of every kind as beverages, and would welcome any adequate means for the suppression of the liquor traffic for drinking purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. OLIVER,
R. C. SANDLING,
J. T. EATON,
Committee.

Report adopted.

Committee on Periodicals reported. Remarks by Elder C. T. Bailey, editor of the *Biblical Recorder*.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The interest which any class of people feel in any given object depends upon the amount of information they have concerning it; and in this direction periodicals are indispensable.

They are the great disseminators of information, and thus they are the great educators of the people. As Baptists, we need at our firesides, where the young of our denomination may read them, such as will inform them of the needs of our people, and of the work which we, as God's children, are attempting and accomplishing, and to impart such instruction as will elevate and improve them. Believing that it will have this effect upon them, your Committee would most earnestly recommend the *Biblical Recorder* as a paper worthy of wide and extended circulation, and earnestly urge upon every head of families in all our Associations to subscribe to that paper. We also recommend the *Foreign Mission Journal*, and for Sunday Schools the paper called *Kind Words*.

F. W. EASON,
J. T. ALBRITTON,
J. P. FAISON,
Committee.

Report adopted.

Committee on Ministerial Support reported.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

Your Committee on Ministerial Support beg to submit the following:

There is no truth in God's word more plainly taught than that they who preach the gospel should live of the gospel. And believing that the relation between pastor and church should be mutually candid and honest, and that obligations entered into by them should be faithfully performed, we therefore recommend the following:

1st. That a stipulated salary to a pastor should be agreed upon before he enters upon the duty of the pastorate.

2nd. Salaries of pastors should be paid monthly as far as practicable, and certainly paid in full at the end of his pastoral year; and no member of the church should excuse him or herself from aiding in paying it according to his or her ability, each feeling that a sacred obligation rested upon them to pay an honest debt.

3rd. A duty alike to the church and its members demands that inquiry be made into the cause of continued and persistent neglect upon the part of members to aid in bearing the burdens of the church, and unless a cause exists that shall prove to be satisfactory to the church, that fellowship should be withdrawn from such member or members for the sin of covetousness.

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. AVERA,
Chairman.

Adopted.

Committee on Obituaries reported.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Your Committee on Obituaries regret to report the death, during the past year, of Deacon Joel Loftin, of Mt. Olive church, whose worth and loss, so truly and well set forth in the first resolution of the preamble and resolutions adopted by that church, in conference February 22nd, 1879, as follows:

"*Resolved*, That in the death of Brother Joel Loftin his family have lost an affectionate husband and father, the community a good neighbor and friend, his county one of her ablest and most useful citizens, and this church one of her best supporters, wisest councillors and ablest defenders of our principles." Effects not only Mt. Olive church, but the denomination at large.

Deacons D. Southerland and J. Brown, of Hallsville church, prominent and useful brethren, the former in the 91st and the latter in the 64th year of his age, have been called to their final and glorious reward.

We know of no other death among prominent brethren, but feel that it is appropriate to report the great bereavement and loss of the Kenansville church, and of the denomination, in the death of Sister Mary J. Grimes, a most lovely and pious lady and active worker in the Redeemer's cause.

J. N. STALLINGS,
Chairman.

Adopted.

Auditing Committee reported.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

PINEY GROVE, SAMPSON CO., N. C., October 9, 1879.

A. M. Faison, Treasurer of Eastern Association, in account, 1878-79:

DR. To amount received from all sources.....$300 86

CREDITOR.

By amount paid Treasurer of Executive Committee		$167 55
" "	S. G. Hall for Minutes	45 00
" "	J. L. Britt, Clerk	26 80
" "	E. Dodson for Home Missions	13 65
" "	A. C. Dixon for Education	13 65
" "	Treasurer of Executive Committee	34 21
Total		$300 86

We, the Auditing Committee, report that we have examined the Treasurer's account and find it correct.

J. N. STALLINGS,
B. MATTHEWS,
JERE. ROBERTS,
Committee.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

DEBTOR.

Collection at Newbern, on pledge	$ 3 62	Mt. Gilead	5 60
Piney Grove, Sampson	15 60	Beulah	5 35
Mt. Calvary, on pledge	5 00	Canaan	4 35
Falling Creek, collection	3 13	Goldsboro	10 00
B. Oliver	10 00	Mt. Olive	10 00
Riley's Creek	4 65	Warsaw	15 00
Magnolia	5 00	Mary's Chapel	2 25
Kinston	20 00	Clinton	10 00
Falling Creek, on pledge	6 00	Johnson's	9 50
Union Chapel, collection	2 38	Kenansville	5 00
Wilmington, 1st Church	25 00	Concord	5 00
Mt. Holly	2 35	Corinth	5 00
Mt. Gilead, collection	8 54	Dobson's Chapel	75
Rev. J. L. Britt	6 00	Island Creek	8 10
J. T. Eaton	10 00	Hallsville, old pledge	3 00
Wilmington, 2nd Church	5 00	Swansboro	30
Long Creek	5 00	Shiloh	5 00
Bethlehem	5 00	La Grange	5 00
Moore's Creek	5 00	Rev. G. S. Best	2 50
Wells' Chapel	7 30	Amount from Treasurer of Association	34 21
New Hope	7 30	Collection at stand	24 52
Haw Bluff	5 00		
Boykin's Chapel	10 00	Total	$347 00

CREDITOR.

By amount paid D. J. Middleton		$ 4 67
" "	Elder J. L. Britt	58 33
" "	" G. S. Best	12 50
" "	" J. R. Oliver	125 00
" Balance on hand		146 50
		$347 00

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. LANE,
Treas. Ex. Committee.

We, the Auditing Committee, have examined the above report, and find it correct.

J. N. STALLINGS,
B. MATTHEWS,
JERE. ROBERTS,
Committee.

Bro. Hurst was given final leave of absence.

On motion, Moderator was authorized to appoint a Sunday School Board. The same Board was appointed.

Report of the committee in relation to the orthodoxy of J. P. King, of the Second Baptist church, of Wilmington, was taken from the table.

REPORT.

Whereas, well defined rumors being in circulation, alleging that Bro. J. P. King, of the Second Baptist church of Wilmington, held heterodox views of Christian doctrine, and was preaching such views; and, whereas, the said church having sent a communication to the last session of this Association, complaining that a Presbytery, appointed by the preceding Session, had not performed the duty of examining Bro. King with a view to his ordination; and, whereas, the undersigned were appointed at last session a committee to visit said church and examine into the orthodoxy of Bro. King; and, whereas, Bro. King had obtained ordination from ministers of the Brown Creek Association before the chairman of your Committee called the committee together; and, whereas, your Committee has had a conference with Bro. King at this session of the Association, we beg leave to report that Bro. King holds inconsistent and heterodox views relative to God—holding that "He is a Spirit having form and image, occupying a certain position in Heaven, as a person with form and image;" that with reference to "the end of existence of the Devil, Hell and the wicked" he is undecided, as also with regard to the question "of the separate existence of the soul from the body;" and says that he would like to study the question whether "an unconverted man has an immortal part about him."

To the question, "Do you believe there will be no more of a wicked man when he dies?" he answers, "No, I believe he will go to hell and be punished; but how long hell and the punishment will last I am not prepared to say." We find his views crude contradictory and erroneous about these matters. Upon other doctrines upon which we examined him we find his views correct Upon this examination, if acting as a Presbytery, we could not have consented to Bro. King's ordination. He states that he was not examined upon the above points by the Presbytery which ordained him, and that he did not divulge his sentiments. Bro. King expresses himself as anxious to arrive at a correct and Scriptural conclusion upon all the points upon which he is undecided, and he asks time and instruction.

In view of the above facts we submit the following:

Resolved, That this Association is not responsible for the ordination of Bro. J. P. King, nor for the doctrine he preaches and teaches.

Resolved, That a committee of five ministers be appointed to confer with Bro. King, and the Second Baptist church of Wilmington for the purpose of instructing Bro. King, and if he does not adopt orthodox views to counsel the church to dissolve the relation of pastor which she now holds with Bro. King and to disavow and discourage the heterodox doctrines he now holds, and to advise the church that if this is not done this Association will withdraw fellowship from her.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. KENNEDY,
F. H IVEY,
J. L. STEWART,
J. N. STALLINGS,
Committee.

Remarks by Elders J. N. Stallings, F. W. Eason, J. T. Albritton, J. K. Faulkner, W. M. Kennedy, J. B. Taylor and Brother J. R. Marshall.

Adopted.

On motion the Clerk was allowed $20.00 for his services.

The Clerk was ordered to have 1,500 copies of Minutes printed for distribution.

The Treasurer was ordered to pay the Clerk for his services, and amount necessary for printing the Minutes, and pay remainder sent up as Minute Fund to Foreign Missions.

The Finance Committee was ordered to pay the $5.00 over balance in their report to the Executive Committee.

The following was offered:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are hereby tendered to the good people of the neighborhood of Piney Grove church, Sampson county, N. C., for their kindness in sustaining the large body of delegates and visitors, and untiring efforts to make all comfortable; also to the railroads for passing delegates and visitors at reduced fares.

The following were appointed as a Committee to visit the Second Church of Wilmington: Elders F. H. Ivey, J. N. Stallings, C. C. Newton, W. M. Kennedy and F. W. Eason.

On motion, collection was taken up for Elder T. J. Leary, who suffered heavily during the late storm on the coast.

On motion the appointment of a Sunday School Missionary was left with the Sunday School Board.

The Association proceeded to adjourn, to meet at Bethel, Sampson county, Tuesday after first Sunday in October, 1880, with prayer by Elder J. K. Faulkner, after which the brethren took the parting hand, while singing an appropriate hymn.

J. L. STEWART,
Moderator.

J. L. BRITT,
Clerk.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	Number Teachers.	Number Pupils.	No. Vols. in Library
Mt. Gilead	Jno. J. Vann	7	81	60
Mt. Olive	J. F. Oliver	8	60	150
Magnolia	B. C. Borden	6	51	120
Meadow Bridge	James Andrews	4	31	.....
Wilmington—First Church	William Larkins	21	150	400
Berea	V. N. Seawell	.....	50	175
Beulah	Giles Clute	3	14	.....
New Hope	L. R. Carroll	6	75	.....
Island Creek	C. Harrell	4	30	.....
Salem	J. B. Willis	3	25	.....
Canetuck Chapel	T. O. Flinn	8	55	100
Morehead City	Reports Union School	.....	.....	.....
Bethlehem	D. P. Bland	6	63	125
Newbern	Elder F. W. Eason	18	108	500
Warsaw	S. M. Carlton	8	75	.....
Shiloh	H. D. Marshburn	6	80	200
Bear Marsh	H. C. Kornegay	3	20	.....
Mt. Holly	Isaiah Carroll	4	35	.....
Kinston	H. D. Spain	7	48	.....
Wells' Chapel	L. R. Highsmith	7	93	.....
Woodville	David Arthur	5	25	.....
Goldsboro	J. E. Peterson	11	104	.....
Falling Creek	J. R. Hood, Jr	8	70	.....
Mary's Chapel	F. H. Rogers	5	30	.....
La Grange	H. A. Litchfield	6	59	60
Riley's Creek	W. W. Larkins	6	40	100
Masonboro	.....	5	60	50
Moore's Creek	N. R. Croom	6	50	50
Bethel	Reports Union School	4	25	.....
Haw Bluff	W. F. Brown	4	44	100
Long Creek	M. E. Herring	3	50	.....
Lisbon	J. C. D. Herring	4	57	57
Johnson's	O. P. Middleton	4	40	.....
Wilmington—2nd Church	J. W. S. Harvey	8	62	40
Total	.....	208	1860	2287

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	When Constituted.	Additions.				Diminutions.			Membership.				TIME OF MEETING.
		Baptized.	By Letter.	Experience	Restored.	By Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	White Males.	White Females.	Colored.	Total.	
Wilmington—First	.....	13	9	.....	1	20	12	1	107	223	...	330	2 times each Sabbath.
Wilmington—Second	1870	72	2	.....	20	.....	2	2	67	132	...	199	2 times each Sabbath.
Mt. Holly	.....	34	.....	.....	.....	3	2	2	38	91	3	132	First Sabbath.
Riley's Creek	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	2	4	37	67	...	104	Third Sabbath.
Long Creek	1871	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	1	.....	44	57	...	101	First Sabbath.
Moore's Creek	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	4	1	2	53	81	...	134	Fourth Sabbath.
Shiloh	1853	.....	2	.....	.....	2	1	2	49	98	...	147	Third Sabbath.
Bethlehem	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	2	2	.....	42	81	...	123	Second Sabbath.
Haw Bluff	1859	17	6	.....	2	3	7	2	48	75	...	123	Third Sabbath
Wells' Chapel	1751	16	2	.....	1	.....	2	.....	70	114	...	184	Second Sabbath.
New Hope	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	4	2	83	121	...	210	Second Sabbath.
Lisbon	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	45	62	...	107	First Sabbath.
Canetuck Chapel	.....	6	.....	.....	1	4	.....	1	29	37	...	66	Third Sabbath.
Boykin's Chapel	1846	18	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	53	96	...	149	First Sabbath.
Mt. Gilead	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	2	34	78	...	112	Fourth Sabbath.
Rowan	1759	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36	72	...	108	.....
Piney Grove (Sampson)	1846	.....	2	.....	.....	2	3	2	74	131	12	217	Second Sabbath.
Beulah	1814	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	1	23	37	...	60	First Sabbath.
Canaan	.....	.....	3	1	.....	.....	2	.....	7	26	...	33	.....
Falling Creek	.....	1	1	1	.....	1	1	.....	10	31	...	41	Second Sabbath.
Mt. Calvary	1875	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	12	...	20	Second Sabbath.
Fremont	1875	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	8	...	12	.....
Goldsboro	.....	29	11	.....	4	4	11	4	65	113	...	178	2 times each Sabbath.
Mt. Olive	1869	3	2	.....	1	3	6	2	41	70	...	111	Fourth Sabbath.

Bear Marsh	1765	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	1	47	112	...	159	Third Sabbath.
Mary's Chapel	1875	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	18	24	...	42	Third Sabbath.
Warsaw	1855	63	4	.....	6	1	4	2	116	159	...	275	Third Sabbath.
Clinton	1855	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	20	43	...	63	Third Sabbath.
Johnson's	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	3	.....	4	36	89	16	141	First Sabbath.
Kenansville	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	2	.....	1	19	48	...	67	Second Sabbath.
Magnolia	.....	25	1	.....	2	1	2	2	53	103	...	183	Fourth Sabbath.
Concord	1825	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	33	56	14	103	Second Sabbath.
Corinth	1850	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	28	46	...	74	Second Sabbath.
Berea	1844	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	1	24	36	...	60	Second Sabbath.
Dobson's Chapel	1867	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	29	...	46	Third Sabbath.
Island Creek	1803	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	1	2	51	116	...	167	First Sabbath.
Hallsville	1807	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	5	3	48	89	...	137	.....
Union Chapel	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	12	46	...	58	Fourth Sabbath.
Jacksonsville	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	11	28	..	39	First Sabbath.
Rose Hill	1876	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	9	...	14	Third Sabbath.
Enon	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	2	.....	17	28	...	45	Second Sabbath.
Piney Grove (Onslow)	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	25	34	...	59	First Sabbath.
Capernaum*	1876	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	24	...	39	.....
Trenton*	1870	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	20	..	26	.....
Kinston	1817	1	4	.....	1	6	2	1	23	41	1	64	2 times each Sabbath.
La Grange	.....	3	2	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	21	47	...	68	Fourth Sabbath.
Union	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	20	....	23	Second Sabbath.
Newbern	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	5	2	5	40	108	....	148	2 times each Sabbath.
Beaufort	.....	10	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	41	53	...	94	.....
Morehead City	1873	2	9	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	11	22	...	33	Third Sabbath.
Smyrna*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24	59	...	83	.....
Salem	1877	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	7	10	...	17	First Sabbath.
Bethel	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	43	...	60	Fourth Sabbath.
Piney Grove (Jones)*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	33	49	...	82	.....
Woodville	.....	7	1	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	17	23	...	40	Fourth Sabbath.
Fort Barnwell*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	16	...	22	.....
Meadow Bridge	1878	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	7	...	12	Third Sabbath.
Masonboro	.....	10	3	.....	1	5	2	3	69	98	3	170	.....
		351	80	2	52	90	93	63	1985	3658	34	5692	

Those marked * taken from last year. Letter from Piney Grove (Jones) misplaced.

PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND POST-OFFICES.	CLERKS AND POST-OFFICES.
NEW HANOVER COUNTY.		
Wilmington—First	J. B. Taylor, Wilmington	J. W. Collins, Wilmington.
Wilmington—Second	J. P. King, "	C. H. Newberry, Wilmington.
PENDER COUNTY.		
Mt. Holly	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia	Isaiah Carroll, So. Wash'ton.
Riley's Creek	" " "	W. W. Larkins, Long Creek.
Long Creek	W. H. Howard Moore's Cr'k	J. H. Brinson, Long Creek.
Moore's Creek	J. P Faison, Harrell's Store	G. W. Woodcock. P't Caswell
Shiloh	C. C. Newton, Herringsville	H. A. Bland, Moore's Creek.
Bethlehem	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store	B F. Keith, Point Caswell.
Canetuck Chapel		D. J. Corbet, Nat Moore.
Meadow Bridge		R. Sidbury, Topsail.
BLADEN COUNTY.		
Haw Bluff	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store.	J F. Croom, Point Caswell.
SAMPSON COUNTY.		
Wells' Chapel	C. C. Newton, Herringsville	L. R. Highsmith, Harrell's Str
Bethel	" " "	M. H. Oats, Taylor's Bridge.
New Hope	H. S. Spivey, Clinton	J. L. Carroll, Six Runs.
Lisbon	J. N. Stallings, Warsaw	R. Herring, Herringsville.
Boykin's Chapel	J. L. Stewart, Clinton	A. Robinson, Clinton.
Mt. Gilead	" " "	Jno. J. Vann, "
Rowan	W. H. Howard, "	J. D. Malpass, "
Clinton	J. L Steward, "	G. W. Marsh, "
Beulah	G. W Hufham, Warsaw	J. T. Moore, Warsaw.
Piney Grove (Sampson),	J. L. Stewart, Clinton	J W. Lane, Faison's.
Brown's	H. S. Spivey, "	G. W Highsmith, Clinton.
Canaan	J. T. Albritton, Mt. Olive	Redding Carr, Newton Grove
WAYNE COUNTY.		
Falling Creek	J. T. Albritton, Mt Olive	M E. Britt, Goldsboro.
Mt. Calvary	" " "	R. A Parker, Dudley.
Fremont	W. M. Kennedy. Magnolia	G. B. Ballinger. Fremont,
Goldsboro	F. H Ivey Goldsboro	J M Hollowell, Goldsboro.
Mt. Olive	J. N. Stallings, Warsaw	W. B Oliver, Mt Olive.
DUPLIN, COUNTY.		
Bear Marsh	J. L. Britt, Warsaw	B. J Millard, Mt. Olive.
Mary's Chapel	H. M. Croom, Wallace	F. M. Southerland, Warsaw.
Johnson's	H. S. Spivey, Clinton	O. P Middleton, "
Warsaw	J. N Stallings, Warsaw	S. M Carlton, "
Kenansville	" " "	D J. Midleton. Kenansville.
Magnolia	W M Kennedy, Magnolia	G. W Carroll, Magnolia.
Concord	G. W. Hufham, Warsaw	L R. Matthews, Rose Hill.
Corinth	" " "	I J. Johnson. Rockfish
Berea		V. N. Seawell, Wallace.
Island Creek	G. S. Best, Kenansville	H. T Savage, "
Dobson's Chapel	" " "	J. P. Tucker. Kenansville.
Hallsville	" " "	J. D. Brown, Hallsville.
ONSLOW COUNTY.		
Union Chapel	No Pastor	Jno. Marshburn, Cath. Lake.
Rose Hill		D. N. Page. Tar Landing.
Jacksonville		S. M Clants, Jacksonville.
Enon	J Utley, Swansboro.	L. O. Fonville. Duck Creek.
Piney Grove	" "	A. B Carroll, Swansboro.
Capernaum	" "	J. D. Melville, Palo Alto.
Salem		
JONES COUNTY.		
Trenton	G. S. Best, Kenansville	L. H. Mallard. Trenton.
Piney Grove	" " "	J. N Whitly, Pollocksville.
LENOIR COUNTY.		
Kinston	J K. Faulkner, Kinston	J. F. Hill, Kinston.
La Grange	J. L. Britt, Warsaw	D. A. Murphy, La Grange.
Union	" " "	W. E. Sutton, Kinston.
CRAVEN COUNTY.		
Fort Barnwell		J W. Biddle, Cobton.
Newbern	F. W. Eason, Newbern	F. W. Hancock, Newbern.
CARTERET COUNTY.		
Beaufort		J. D. Davis, Beaufort.
Smyrna		Isa Davis, Beaufort.
Morehead City	T J. Leary, Beaufort	J. T. Eaton, Hollywood.
Davis' Shore	" " "	R. L. Pane, Beaufort.
Woodville	" " "	D. F. Arthur, Beaufort.
BRUNSWICK COUNTY.		
Masonboro	A. A. Edwards, Cordova	G. W. Hewlett, Wilmington.

Church Covenant.

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now in the presence of God, angels and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Ghost, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church, in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the Kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling, and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offence, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Saviour, to secure it without delay.

We, moreover, engage that when we remove from this place, we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this Covenant, and the principles of God's word.

Constitution of the Eastern Baptist Association.

ARTICLE 1—This Association shall be denominated and known as the Eastern Association.

ART. 2—The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ART. 3—This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates, who shall be members of that church.

ART. 4—The delegates from each church shall bear a letter, certifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the state of the church; *Provided, however*, That when any church has prepared a letter and through inadvertence the letter fails to be presented, her delegates may be received without its presentation.

ART. 5—The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen from among its members by ballot, by a majority of the members voting, and continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6—It shall be the duty of the moderator to enforce an observance

of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7—It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session and superintend their printing and distribution among the churches.

ART. 8—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

ART. 9—The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee of seven members, which committee shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and Colportage. They shall have the power to disburse all sums paid by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and during intervals between the meetings of this body to receive and disburse funds for those objects and to take such steps for their advancement as they shall deem advisable, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings.

ART. 10—The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of her churches which neglect to preserve gospel order.

ART. 11—The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats and extend to them all the privileges of the body except that of voting.

ART. 12—The annual session of this Association shall commence on Tuesday after the first Lord's day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

ART. 13—By appointment of the Association, there shall be an Introductory Sermon of a denominational character, and a Missionary Sermon.

ART. 14—This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

Rules of Order.

1.—On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence a chairman *pro tem* shall be elected.

2.—Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.

3.—At each daily session, and previous to proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous daily sessions read.

4.—The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.

5.—Any member wishing to speak shall arise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.

6.—No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.

7.—All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer before discussion.

8.—No motion shall be withdrawn after its discussion.

9.—When a question is under discussion, no motion or proposition shall be received, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

10.—After a motion is decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11.—No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the presiding officer, and no one shall take final leave of absence without the permission of the Association, and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the minutes.

12.—All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13.—The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to consideration.

14.—The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a majority of votes.

Rules of Decorum for the Churches.

1.—We will hold at least four Conference meetings in the year for the transaction of business, also special meetings whenever requisite.

2.—The names of the members shall be called at every regular meeting, and there shall be due notice taken of the absence of those who discover a disposition to absent themselves.

3.—At every Conference, the pastor, in his right of office, shall preside as Moderator, and in case of his absence, the Conference shall appoint a Moderator *pro tem*, who shall open Conference by devotional exercises.

4.—The Clerk shall keep a Church book, in which all the proceedings of the Conference shall be faithfully transcribed, and at every regular meeting the minutes of the preceding meeting shall be read immediately after the names are called.

5.—An invitation will be given to brethren of our faith and order to sit with us in Conference, who shall enjoy all the privileges of the meeting except that of voting.

6.—Every subject for the consideration of the Conference shall be introduced by a motion, which, when seconded, shall be debated and acted upon, unless withdrawn by the mover.

7.—Every speaker shall rise and address the Moderator by the appellation of brother, and shall confine his remarks to the subject under debate and shall not be allowed to speak more than twice on one subject unless by permission of the Church.

8.—No member shall withdraw from the Conference without the permission of the Moderator.

9.—It shall be required that in matters of difference between members, before complaint is made to the Church, the aggrieved party shall have attended to the instructions of the Lord, Matt. 18th chapter, 16th, 17th and 18th verses, and public offences or such as operate against the peace of the Church, shall be the subject of discipline.

10.—All questions submitted to the Conference shall be decided by a majority of votes, except receiving members to fellowship; and any question may be reconsidered upon the motion of any one who may vote in the affirmative.

11.—The Moderator shall propound all questions for vote—shall keep the speakers to the subject under debate—may express his own views, after others are done speaking, and see that these rules are faithfully observed.

12.—These Rules of Decorum may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the whole Church.

Resolved, That this Association recommend the adoption of the foregoing rules to all the Churches that comprise this body.

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Order of Business.

1.—Reading Church Letters and Enrolling Delegates.
2.—Election of Officers.
3.—Call for Petitionary Letters.
4.—Appointment of Committees.
5.—Appointment of Corresponding Delegates.
6.—Reports of Standing Committees.
7.—Reports of other Committees.
8.—Report of Trustees of Ministers' Relief Society.
9.—Report of Treasurer.
10.—Miscellaneous Business.
11.—Incidental and Routine Motions shall be in order any time.
12.—Adjournment.

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MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Eastern Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

BETHEL CHURCH, SAMPSON COUNTY, N. C.

October 5th, 6th and 7th, 1880.

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J. W. LANE, L. R. HIGHSMITH,
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J. B. Barlow, Wilmington,	F. H. Ivey, Goldsboro,
J. J. Beasley, Wilmington,	C. J. Nelson, Goldsboro,
C. C. Newton, Herringsville,	J. K. Faulkner, Kinston,
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G. W. Hufham, Warsaw,	A. B. Alderman, Jacksonville,
J. L. Britt, Warsaw,	D. F. Amon, Jacksonville,
J. T. Albritton, Mt. Olive,	W. H. Howard, Point Caswell,
J. L. Stewart, Clinton,	Wm. Bland, P. O. Unknown,

O. M. Matthews, Clinton,

PROCEEDINGS.

BETHEL CHURCH,
SAMPSON CO., N. C., October 5th, 1880.

By appointment the Eastern Association convened in Bethel Baptist Church, and Elder J. L. Stewart preached the Introdutory Sermon from a portion of I. Cor. 11, setting forth the Baptist view of the Lord's Supper.

After an intermission of three-quarters of an hour, the body was called in session by the Moderator, and services were conducted by Elder J. R. Oliver, who read a portion of scripture, and prayer was made by Bro. John R. Marshall.

The Clerk being absent, Elder J. R. Oliver was called to act temporarily.

The list of churches being called, and a majority represented, the Association proceeded with business.

A Finance Committee was appointed, composed of brethren J. M. Moseley, S. M. Carlton and Nathan Weeks.

The Pastor and Deacons of Bethel Church with Brethren S. E. Loftin and J. W. Swinson. were appointed committee on Devotional Exercises.

Elder F. W. Eason was announced to preach at the stage this evening.

Reading church letters and enrolling delegates being in order, the body so proceeded, and Brethren L. R. Carroll and V. N. Seawell were appointed to read.

The following churches were answered for and messengers enrolled :

Wilmington, 1st—W. P. Oldham, J. R. Marshall, Geo. F. Alderman.
Wilmington, 2nd—J. J. Dicksey, J. W. S. Harvey, B. R. King.
Masonboro—George W. Hewlett.
Meadow Bridge—J. J. Howard.
Mt. Holly—William F. Bowen.
Riley's Creek—D. F. George, G. W. Walker J. D. Mahn.
Long Creek—J. H. Brinson, H. B. White, W. D. Mahn.
Moore's Creek—G. W. Woodcock. G. F. Walker, Eli Larkins.
Shiloh—C. P. Moore, D. P. Averitt.
Bethlehem—B. F. Keith, Jr., W. P. Croom.
Canetuck Chapel—Andrew Moore, Mark Almond.
Haw Bluff—A. B. Rooks, H. H. Boswell, Franklin Peterson.

Well's Chapel—L Highsmith, O. Fennell, L. K. Taylor.
Bethel—Wm. Frazer, Allen Johnson, D. W. Alderman.
Lisbon.—C. H. Bronson, O. Blackburn, Almond Herring.
Mt. Gilead—B. Matthews, E. F. Royal, Milton Powell.
Boykin's Chapel—J. L. Boykin, L. M. Boykin, J. T. Blackburn.
Clinton—Elder J. L. Stewart, J. M. Mosely. B. S. Peterson.
Rowan—S. Boon, W. Butler, J. Caison.
New Hope—L. R. Carroll, A. J. Daniel, Joshua Williams.
Piney Grove, (Sampson)—Elder O. M. Matthews, Nathan Weeeks, W. I. Love.
Beulah—Elder J. L. Britt, John T. Moore, N. C. Faison.
Canaan—R. T. Carr, James Ingram, B. Elmore.
Mt. Calvary—Elder John T. Albritton.
Mt. Olive—Jesse T. Albritton.
Goldsboro—Elder F. H. Ivey.
Bear Marsh—B. Oliver, R. D. Bennett, Gaston Kelly.
Mary's Chapel—Elder G. S. Best, F. M. Southerland.
Johnson's—Elder W. M. Kennedy, O. P. Middleton, J. H. Gillespie.
Kenansville—W. H. Murray.
Warsaw—Elder J. N. Stallings, A. M. Faison, S. M. Carlton.
Magnolia—J. W. Swinson, J. D. Roberts, H. W. Carroll.
Concord—A. Hall, William Brice, J. W. Wells.
Corinth—R. F. Peterson, W. B. Harris.
Berea—V. N. Seawell.
Island Creek—A. B. Mallard, J. M. Brown.
Dobson's Chapel—W. Bradshaw, O. D. Bostick, D. W. Bostick.
Hallsville—E. W. Farrier, J. D. Brown.
Union Chapel—John P. Cox.
Richland's—Starkey Cox.
Rose Hill—D. M. Page, W. P. Kelly.
Capernaum—Elder D. F. Aman.
Kinston—Elder J. K. Faulkner, J. M. Wooten, S. E. Loftin.
Newbern—Elder F. W. Eason.
Morehead City—Elder T. J. Leary, J. T. Eaton, S. E. Wade.
Woodville—Jacob Arthur, Edward Simpson.

Falling Creek, Fremont, Salem, Olive Branch,* Poplar Grove,* Peniel,* were reported by letter. LaGrange, Trenton, Piney Grove, (Jones), Piney Grove, (Onslow), Enon, Beaufort, Smyrna, Fort Barnwell, Union, not reported; other churches have sent no message in a long time, and it is unknown to us whether they now exist or not. Churches that cannot send delegates can easily forward letters and funds to the Clerk, and they will be attended to. It would be well for the Association to take notice of such churches as are never heard from.—CLERK.

On motion, the letter from Moore's Creek was referred to the Finance Committee.

The letters from Magnolia and Mt. Gilead, petitioning for the next session of the Association, were laid on the table.

*New churches just admitted.

The letter from Rowan, requesting dismission from this body, was laid on the table.

The letter from Fremont was laid on the table.

The reading of letters being completed, the Committee on Devotion reported as follows: Preaching at the stage to-morrow at 10 o'clock, by Elder T. Harrison. Missionary Sermon, 11 o'clock, by Elder F. H. Ivey. Preaching 2 p. m., by Dr. T. H. Pritchard.

The hour being late, the Association adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed by singing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," etc.; benediction pronounced by Dr. Pritchard.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, October 6th, 1880.

After services, conducted by Elder N. B. Cobb, the Moderator called the Association to order. Calling roll of delegates and reading proceedings dispensed with.

Letters not presented yesterday were called for and read.

Election of officers being in order, the Moderator proceeded to appoint tellers to receive the votes. The following tellers were appointed: For Moderator, W. I. Lane, O. P. Middleton; Clerk, F. M. Southerland, L. R. Highsmith; Treasurer, B. Matthews, J. T. Blackburn. The following results were announced: Elder J. L. Stewart re-elected Moderator, Dr. V. N. Seawell elected Clerk, A. W. Faison re-elected Treasurer.

Petitionary letters being next in order, the following churches were received and ordered to be enrolled: Poplar Grove, Sampson county, Richland's and Peniel, Onslow, Olive Branch, New Hanover.

Visiting brethren invited to seats with us. Reports were made by Dr. T. H. Pritchard, President Wake Forest College and messenger from Central Association, Elder T. Harrison, Foreign Mission Agent, Dr. J. D. Hufham, Elder C. A. Jenkens and Bro. J. B. Brewer, Tar River Association, Elder A. Biggs Alderman and Bro. William Royal, South River Association, Elder N. B. Cobb, agent for the *Biblical Recorder*.

The following committees were appointed:

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Elders J. K. Faulkner, T. Harrison, Bro. S. E. Loftin.

EDUCATION—Dr. T. H. Pritchard, J. D. Roberts, W. P. Oldham.
STATE AND HOME MISSIONS—Elder W. M. Kennedy, Dr. J. D. Hufham, Elders O. M. Matthews.
PERIODICALS—Elders John T. Albritton, N. B. Cobb, G. S. Best.
SUNDAY SCHOOLS—Elder F. W. Eason, G. Clute, L. R. Carroll.
TEMPERANCE—Elder Asa B. Alderman, C. P. Moore, J. R. Marshall.
AUDIT ACCOUNTS TREASURER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND ASSOCIATION—Elder J. N. Stallings, C. H. Bronson, W. H. Murray.
MINISTERIAL SUPPORT—Elder F. H. Ivey, J. L. Boykin, J. W. Swinson.
NOMINATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—Elder J. R. Oliver, L. Highsmith, R. F. Peterson.
REVISE LIST TRUSTEES WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL—S. M. Carlton, S. R. Carroll, E. F. Royal.
NOMINATE DELEGATES TO STATE CONVENTION—L. K. Taylor, O. P. Middleton, Jesse T. Albritton.
OBITUARIES—Elder J. P. Faison, E. W. Farrar, A. B. Mallard.
NOMINATE PREACHERS OF STATED SERMONS FOR NEXT YEAR—O. Blackburn, J. W. Lane, W. H. Thomson.

Reports of standing committees being called for, Elder Ivey presented the report concerning Elder Joseph P. King, and the 2nd Baptist Church, Wilmington.

Elder King was permitted to read his own written statement of his doctrinal views as part of the report, which reading occupied a long time.

Pending adoption of the report, Elder Ivey made remarks on the subject.

Report of the committee on Elder King's case:

Your committee, appointed to visit the 2nd Baptist Church of Wilmington, and to advise with it and its pastor in reference to his doctrinal views, beg leave to report:

That it entered into correspondence with Bro. King, through its chairman, as to a conference with him, and that he might be prepared for such interview, a number of questions covering the grounds upon which it desired to examine him was sent him. Bro. King proposed to write out his answers to those questions, setting forth his views. This he has done, and your committee beg to submit the document for the information of the Association.

Your committee further reports, that it appears from this document that Rev. J. P. King holds the following unscriptural, grossly erroneous and corrupting views, namely:

1. He believes in the sleep of the soul between death and the judgment. 2. He believes that God is a material being with blood and bodily parts just like a man. 3. He believes this material being abides in a certain fixed locality, while by a kind of influence he goes out everywhere. 4. He denies the personality of the Holy Spirit. He says the Holy Spirit is not a person, but an influence like the mind. To illustrate: The sun is a material body, in the heavens, but sends out his light and so is everywhere felt; or, a candle is a material substance, in a certain place, and emits its rays. So, God is a material being, in a particular place, but sends out from himself a spiritual influence, which is called his Spirit, but is not a person. 5. He is very clear in stating and urging his belief in the final annihilation of the wicked, of the devil, and the abolition of

the place of future punishment. 6. He denies the immortality of the unregenerate. The unconverted do not possess immortal souls; none but the regenerate live forever. Adam was not immortal, and his descendants cannot be thus. 7. He holds that the wicked have no more souls than the beasts of the field. The soul and body are the same, and they lie in the grave, in a dormant state, until the resurrection. 8. He holds that the scriptural phrase, "everlasting punishment," means only that when the wicked are annihilated, they will so remain or utterly destroyed forever. In view of the fact that Rev. Joseph P. King holds these dangerous and pernicious errors, your committee recommends the adoption of the following resolution in reference to him:

Resolved, That this Association repudiates and denounces the above false doctrines, as held by Rev. J. P. King, and that we have no fellowship with him in his claim as a Baptist minister, and cannot admit him as a delegate to this body.

In reference to the 2nd Baptist Church of Wilmington, your committee recommends the adoption of the preamble and resolutions:

WHEREAS, The 2nd Baptist Church of Wilmington retains as its pastor, Rev. Joseph P. King, who is so heretical in doctrine as shown above, therefore,

Resolved, That this Association does hereby withdraw its fellowship from said church.

Resolved, That it is our earnest desire that the said church should discountenance and disown the above doctrines; and by dismissing their present unsound teacher and pastor; should secure one sound in the faith, and thus put herself in the way of restoration to the fellowship of the surrounding Baptist churches.

Respectfully submitted,

F. H. IVEY,
F. W. EASON,
C. C. NEWTON,
J. N. STALLINGS,
W. M. KENNEDY,
Committee.

Report adopted by almost unanimous vote.

The Executive Committee submitted its report:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your servants report that they have had in cash for the year's work, from all sources, about three hundred dollars, including the amount sent to the Association now in session. With this amount we have aided the churches at Fremont, Beaufort and Jacksonville, also helped to sustain work at Burgaw, Pender county. Elder Asa B. Alderman has been employed by us, laboring all his time in the destitute field in Onslow county, We have been employing Elder T. J. Leary in the section of country about Beaufort in Carteret county. The reports from all these points aided are encouraging. Elders Alderman, Kennedy and Leary report accessions to churches they have served. The churches at Enon, Piney Grove and Capernaum, (Onslow), have not called upon us for aid during this year. Upon the whole the outlook is encouraging; when we remember that the churches just named are the results of your work, through the committee, it is strengthening to us, for which we should devoutly thank God, take courage and move forward with more determination than ever.

Now, brethren, we know that the churches have not done one-fourth

of what they could have performed, and as you have given us so little to work with we could not do much. We feel that we have done all we could do with the amount at our disposal. Finally, brethren, we have needed your prayers with your contributions—shall we have both? Do you feel that you have done your duty in this respect? If not, pray for your committee in the future, and hold up their hands with your contributions and prayers.

Respectfully submitted, COMMITTEE.

Report adopted.

The following pledges were made for Associational Missions for the ensuing year:

Wilmington (First), $25; Riley's Creek, $10; Long Creek, $10; Moore's Creek, $5; Shiloh, $5; Canetuck Chapel, $5; Meadow Bridge, $5; Haw Bluff, $5; Well's Chapel, $10; Bethel, $10; Mt. Gilead, $2; Clinton, $10; Beulah, $5; Piney Grove, (Sampson) $10; Canaan, $5, Fremont, $3; Mt. Olive, $20; Bear Marsh, $20; Mary's Chapel, $2 50; Johnson's $10; Warsaw, $20; Kenansville, $5; Magnolia, $10; Corinth, $10; Island Creek, $5; Hallsville, $5; Newbern, $25; Morehead City, $10; Woodville, $5.

On motion, the rules were suspended and report on Education was submitted. The report was laid on the table, to be called up first part of evening session. Adjourned three-quarters of an hour for dinner.

EVENING SESSION.

The body was again called to order by the Moderator.

The report on Education was called for as special order. Remarks made by Drs. Pritchard and Hufham, and Elder N. B. Cobb.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

There are so many interesting relations between education and religion, that it is of the highest importance to the welfare of any people, that the training of their children should be conducted under religious auspices. Especially is it true that the Baptists cannot afford to allow other denominations to educate their children, and we are therefore, glad to congratulate our brethren upon the number and prosperity of our schools in the State. We have female schools of high grade at Murfreesboro, Wilson, Oxford and Thomasville, with good academies in many parts of the State. Wake Forest College has a Faculty of eight men, and the last catalogue showed an attendance of one hundred and seventy-one students for the session of 1879–80, and the promise of the present year indicates an increased patronage. Of this number of students, thirty were young ministers, and of them, twelve were beneficiaries. We shall probably have a larger number of ministerial students this year, and twenty have already been accepted as beneficiaries by the

Board of Education. This is a larger number of beneficiaries than we have had before, and we earnestly hope that this body will aid the Board in meeting the largely increased demand upon the treasury.

As to our Associational school at Warsaw, we are glad to be able to report that it is in a prosperous condition; that during the past year another large building has been erected, by which a complete separation between the boys and girls has been effected, as well as increesed facilities for boarding afforded. The rates of this institution, both as to board and tuition, are exceedingly low, and as first-class advantages for educating both sexes are here presented, we respectfully urge the brethren of this body to reward the Principal for his energy and enterprise by a liberal patronage. Respectfully submitted,

T. H. PRITCHARD,
W. P. OLDHAM,
J. D. ROBERTS,
Committee.

On motion, pledges from churches were called for, and the following responses were made to the Education Board Baptist State Convention:

*Wilmington (First) $120; Riley's Creek, $5; Long Creek, $4; Canetuck Chapel, $2; Well's Chapel, $10, New Hope, $5; Lisbon, $5; Clinton, $5; Beulah, $5; Piney Grove, (Sampson), $5; Canaan, $5; Fremont, $1; Mt. Olive, $5; Bear Marsh, $5; Warsaw, $10; Kenansville, $2; Magnolia, $5; Concord, $2; Corinth, $2; Island Creek, $5; Rose Hill, $2; Kinston, $5; Newbern, $25. Individual pledges—J. L. Boykin $1; J. J. Howard, 50 cents, paid; Elder F. H. Ivey, $10. Cash collected, $16.13.

On motion, Brethren J. P. Cox, J. T. Eaton, Elder T. J. Leary and D. F. Aman were excused from further attendance.

An appeal for assistance in building a Baptist house of worship in Richland's, Onslow county, was read, and a collection was taken up; the amount not reported to the Clerk.

The report on Foreign Missions was read and made special order for to-morrow morning 10 o'clock, and take the place of the Missionary Sermon.

On motion, Bro. J. H. Brinson was granted leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

The Clerk was directed to furnish the 2nd Baptist Church, Wilmington, with a copy of the report and resolutions in reference to the action concerning it and its pastor.

The Committee on Devotional Exercise reported as follows: Elder C. A. Jenkens to preach to-morrow at 11 o'clock a. m., Dr. J. D. Hufham to preach at 2 o'clock p. m.

Adjourned till to-morrow at 9 o'clock a. m.

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*Wilmington church supports one beneficiary of its own membership.

THURSDAY MORNING, October 7th, 1880.

The Moderator called the Association to order. Elder N. B. Cobb conducted worship. The roll of delegates was called and corrected. Proceedings read and some corrections made. The Clerk being absent, Elder J. R. Oliver was, on motion, elected Assistant Clerk.

On motion, proceeded to locate the next session of the Association. The choice fell upon Magnolia church.

Reports of committees were called for. The Committee on Sunday Schools reported. Remarks by Elders Eason, Kennedy, Faison and Stallings. Report adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee notice with much gratification, the fact that a large number of the churches in our Association is interested in the work of the Sunday School. We affectionately urge upon every church in our bounds, to prosecute this most important work with greater zeal and energy than ever before, and to put forth every effort to gather into these schools, not only the children of the church members, but all the children in the neighborhood, in reach of the several churches; especially those whose parents never go to God's house, and seem to care nothing for the spiritual welfare of their offspring. Especially, and with an obligation that is most overpowering, is this our duty *now*, when wolves have crept unawares into our folds; false teachers who, with the effrontery that is characteristic of them, plant their pernicious and damnable heresies openly and blasphemously, and are eager to lead into falsehood and perdition the young and the unwary. The only protection of our youth and children against these teachers and their vile, soul-destroying errors, is early to instruct them in the truth of God; and root and ground them in righteousness in their tender years. We raise our voices in loud, and earnest entreaty, and implore our brethren to bestir themselves as never before in the Sunday School work—the religious instruction of the children. We recommend the employment, by this Association, of a Sunday School Missionary and Colporteur, in order to prosecute this important work, and that the roll of the churches be called in order to raise the salary of said Missionary.

FRED. W. EASON,
L. R. CARROLL,
G. CLUTE,
Committee.

A call being made, the following pledges were made by churches and individuals, for Sunday School work:

Wilmington, (First), $13; Moore's Creek, $2; Shiloh, $5; Meadow Bridge, $1; Well's Chapel, $5; New Hope, $5; (S. S.) Lisbon, $5, Clinton, $10; Piney Grove, (Sampson), $5; Goldsboro, $5; Mt. Olive, $10; Bear Marsh, $5; Johnson's, $5; Warsaw, $10; Magnolia, (Sunday School) $5; Corinth, $2; Rose Hill, $1; Kinston, $6; Newbern, $10; Mason-

boro, (Sunday School) $1. Individual pledges: B. Elmore, $1. W. H. Murray, $1, cash; G. Clute, $5; J. L. Britt, $1, J. R. Oliver, $1; Dr. G. W. Moseley and wife, $5; Mrs. M. P. Alderman, $1; G. S. Best, $1.

The special order being consideration of Foreign Missions, Elder T. Harrison proceeded to address the body on this subject. At the close of the address a collection was taken for Foreign Missions, amounting to $18.42.

Committee on Foreign Missions reported. Report adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Foreign Missionaries of the Southern Baptist Convention are seventeen in number. These, with twenty-eight native assistants, constitute our entire Missionary force in foreign lands. They are all efficient, self-sacrificing and consecrated men and women, especially deserving our fervent prayers and faithful support. Their fields are constantly enlarging, and not only they themselves, but the heathen are earnestly appealing to us for larger contributions and more missionaries to carry on this great enterprise. Their success also is particularly gratifying, far outstripping that of all other evangelical denominations combined. Another very interesting feature of our work, is the opening up of a large field of labor in which our noble sisters, who have fully consecrated themselves to the Lord's service, may find an opportunity for the exercise of the many and varied talents with which our God has blessed them. Let us take courage from the past, and let us prove our heartfelt interest in this work ordained of God, by consecrating ourselves and *all* that we have to its faithful prosecution.

J. K. FAULKNER,
S. E. LOFTIN,
T. HARRISON,
Committee.

The Sunday School Board reported. Report adopted.

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

We report that we have held several meetings, at different places, during the year, and have encouraged the work the best we could. We have urged the appointment of Christian teachers as far as possible; we have tried, for the past two years, to secure the appointment of a Sunday School Missionary and Colporteur, and we rejoice at the step just taken here, and assure you that it will receive the hearty co-operation of the Board. Respectfully submitted,

W. M. KENNEDY,
Chairman Committee,

A committee, composed of Elders J. N. Stallings, O. M. Matthews and F. H. Ivey, was appointed to nominate a Sunday School Board for the ensuing year.

The Committee on Home and State Missions reported. Remarks by Dr. Huf ham, Elders Albritton, Cobb, Brethren B. Oliver and S. E. Loftin. Report adopted.

REPORT ON HOME AND STATE MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention aims to aid in planting the Gospel in the towns and cities of the Southwest and in the Indian Territory. A wide and important field is entrusted to our brethren of the Board, and they are entitled to our confidence and hearty and liberal support. The Indians have received special attention in the labors of the Board and excellent results have followed. The Baptists have a large and increasing membership among those red men of the forest, but they still need the instruction and oversight of men who have been trained in the doctrines of the Gospel, and means are needed to carry on this work effectually. In the cities and towns of the South and Southwest, this Board has done a gracious and blessed work. This wide field is still open to us; and is becoming annually more and more important in the changed condition of social and business life since the late civil war. This is only one agency for occupying these fields, and it should be liberally sustained. The Board of Missions of our State Convention aims to combine the efforts of the North Carolina Baptists for planting the Gospel in every part of the State. Very much has been done in this direction, but much still remains to be effected. In many smaller towns we have neither houses of worship nor regular preaching. In large sections of the State, our principles are seldom proclaimed, and but little known. As followers of the Lord Jesus, we are not to rest until his last command, "preach the Gospel to every creature," shall have been fulfilled as to our own beloved State. We do therefore commend this Board, and its work, to the churches of this Association, and urge them to prayerful and earnest co-operation. We would especially commend to the consideration of this body the work in the Tar River Association; and we would earnestly suggest that a subscription be made to aid our brethren of that body in sustaining a Missionary for the counties of Pitt and Greene, a region lying along our own borders.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. KENNEDY,
J. D. HUFHAM,
O. M. MATTHEWS,
Committee.

Committee to nominate Executive Committee reported. See page 2.

Committee on Ministerial Support submitted its report. Adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

"The laborer is worthy of his hire." Not many of our churches give their pastors a competent support. Perhaps the average of their salaries would not exceed two hundred dollars. Hence many ministers have to resort to other means of support, such as school teaching, farming, etc. It follows that the Gospel is not as efficiently preached as it otherwise would be. It is worthy the attention of our churches, whether a more liberal support of the ministry would not be the best paying investment they could make. What would be the result of a well-sustained ministry? The churches would be more rapidly built up; the graces of the members more largely developed; the Sunday School interest quickened, and all the work of the churches greatly helped. It is hoped that the brethren will be reminded of this important matter, by having a report

on this subject in the minutes. Your committee would recommend that each pastor in this Association preach at least one sermon on this subject during the year to every church under his care.

F. H. IVEY,
Chairman Committee.

Report on Temperance presented. Adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee, to whom was assigned the duty of reporting on temperance, submit the following: We think there are decided indications of reformation as regards this great evil of imtemperance among the members of our churches, which should be a source of encouragement, and should inspire us with renewed energy to do more, and work harder till this curse is removed from our churches. Then, and not until then, can we expect to exert a salutary influence over the world. We would kindly suggest to our churches that a return to a strict adherence to the directions, as given by Paul, in I Cor. 5th chapter, for the treatment of heinous crimes, of which drunkenness is one, instead of resorting to the committee plan, which has no scriptural sanction, in such cases, would be the best. Yes, best for the church, the offender, and all parties concerned.

A. B. ALDERMAN, JR.,
J. R. MARSHALL,
C. P. MOORE,
Committee.

On motion, the Association adjourned three-quarters of an hour for dinner. Collection at the stage $11.22.

EVENING SESSION.

The Association convened again, Moderator in the chair. The Committee to audit accounts of Treasurer of Association and Treasurer Executive Committee, submitted report. Adopted.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE ASSOCIATION.

A. M. Faison, Treasurer, in account with the Association:

To amount received for all objects and from all sources.....$348 92

We find the above correct. We also find that of amounts in the hands of the Treasurer of the Association, the following sent and ordered to be paid for the purposes indicated, viz:

Foreign Missions	$ 45 50	Associational Missions	5 47
Home Missions	5 24		
State Missions	2 00	Total	$ 62 55
Education	2 20		

COMMITTEE.

J. M. Wooten, in account with the Ex. Committee Eastern Association :

REPORT OF TREASURER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

DEBTOR.

Riley's Creek	$	4 75	Union Chapel		1 00
From Treasurer		146 45	D. T. Aman		1 00
Piney Grove, Sampson, old pledges		3 00	Bethel		3 00
Kinston		7 75	Goldsboro		10 00
Collection at Fremont		2 61	Newbern		10 00
Collection at LaGrange		6 51	Meadow Bridge		2 00
Haw Bluff		9 00	Masonboro		5 00
Collection at Warsaw		8 00	New Hope		2 50
Wilmington, 2nd Church		5 00	Wilmington, 1st Church		25 00
Long Creek		2 25	Mt. Gilead		5 00
Moore's Creek		7 71	Olive Branch		3 50
Bethlehem		4 00	Falling Creek		5 00
Shiloh		5 00	Mt. Olive		12 49
Piney Grove, Sampson,		11 86	Well's Chapel		11 08
Canaan		5 00	Bear Marsh		5 50
Fremont		3 00	Collection at Concord		5 00
Mary's Chapel		2 50	O. P. Middleton,		1 00
Warsaw		15 00	G. Clute		1 00
Johnson's		11 30	J. R. Marshall		1 00
Magnolia		5 00	B. Oliver		10 00
Kenansville		5 00	G. S. Best		2 50
Concord		4 70	W. M. Kennedy		1 00
Corinth		5 00	Mt. Holly		4 50
Dobson's Chapel		2 45	Kinston		4 50
Island Creek		5 80			
Hallsville		1 35	Total		$428 67

CREDITOR.

T. J. Leary	$	62 50	Asa B. Alderman		100 00
Book and Postal Cards		1 09	C. C. Newton		50 00
W. M. Kennedy		50 90	Balance on hand		146 42
D. F. Aman		6 25			
R. C. Sandling		12 50			$428 67

The report of the Treasurer Executive Committee shows that he has received from all sources, $428.67. We have spent for Missions, $282.25. Leaving in hands of Treasurer, $146.42

J. M. WOOTEN.
Treas. Ex. Committee.

We have examined the above report, and find it correct.

J. N. STALLINGS,
C. H. BRONSON,
W. H. MURRAY,
Committee.

The Committee to Nominate Delegates to the Baptist State Convention, reported the following names :

Elders J. B. Taylor, C. C. Newton, J. P. Faison, J. N. Stallings, W. M. Kennedy, G. S. Best, G. W. Hufham, J. L. Britt, J. K. Faulkner, J. L. Stewart, John T. Albritton, S. R. Oliver, F. H. Ivey, C. J. Nelson,

R. C. Sandling, F. W. Eason, Brethren B. F. Mitchell, J. D. Roberts, L. R. Highsmith, L. R. Carroll, E. F. Cox, A. M. Faison, J. F. Oliver, B. Oliver, J. E. Peterson, C. C. Clark, J. W. Lane, D. J. Middleton, Thomas Clark.

L. K. TAYLOR,
O. P. MIDDLETON,
JESSE T. ALBRITTON,
Committee.

On motion, the names of the brethren of the committee were added to the list.

The Trustees of Warsaw High School submitted report. Report adopted. Remarks made by Elder Stallings.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL.

We take pleasure in reporting to this body, that through the persevering efforts and skillful management of the Principal and our efficient corps of teachers, the present condition and future prosperity of the Institution, the offspring of this Association, are truly encouraging There are over seventy-five students enrolled, Young men can here be prepared for college or fitted for the practical stations of life. Young ladies also, have every facility for acquiring a thorough and finished education in the literary studies, and in music and art, at a very moderate cost. Board and tuition, no extras, $51 per term of five months. Discipline strict. Two large and comfortable buildings have been erected, one for boys the other for girls. In fact, every provision which tends toward the comfort and advancement of the pupil, has been carefully studied and made by the Principal, which justly entitles him to the hearty support and earnest co-operation of every Baptist within the bounds of this Association. Brethren this is *our school*; *and our own institution*, and we are beginning to enjoy the pleasant, the happy fruition of our hopes and labors in the past. The present, however, is but the beginning, the prelude of the great and satisfactury results which must inevitably come to us and our posterity if we only give to this Institution that aid to which it is so justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

L. R. CARROLL.
Chairman.

The Committee to Nominate Stated Preachers for next session, reported as follows:

Introductory Sermon, Elder J. K. Faulkner, Alternate, Elder C. C. Newton; Missionary Sermon, Elder F. H. Ivey, Alternate, Elder J. R. Oliver.

O. BLACKBURN,
J. W. LANE,
W. H. THOMSON,
Committee.

The committee to revise the list of Trustees of Warsaw High School reported. Report adopted. See page 2.

The Trustees of the Ministers Relief Association, reported that on account of the inability to get a quorum no meeting had been held. On motion, the report was referred back to the Trustees of the Ministers Relief Society.

The Committee on Obituaries reported. Report adopted.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Your Committee on Obituaries beg leave to submit the following report:

Death, with its busy and insatiable force, has been in our midst during the present associational year. We have the melancholly duty of informing you of the deaths of several prominent and useful brethren.

Shiloh church mourns the departure of Deacon Henry Marshburn. He was born in Onslow county, July 24th, 1814, joined Wells' Chapel church in 1843, afterwards transferred his membership to Shiloh in 1854, the place of his principal Christian activities. He served faithfully this latter church as a Deacon and Sunday School Superintendent.

We announce also, the death of brother Julius Moore, of Shiloh church, who was elected a Deacon but died before his ordination could be performed. He raised himself from the humblest walks of poverty to usefulness in his church and community.

Moore's Creek church has sustained a great loss by the death of Deacon Nathan R. Croom, who, for forty-three years walking humbly with his God, died in hope of a blissful immortality.

Solomon J. Faison, a member of Wells' Chapel church, died on the 2nd day of last April, in his 59th year. He was several times a Moderator of this body; a man of fine talents and culture, of singular amiable and gentle spirit; an efficient Sunday School Superintendent, and an efficient helper in all the work of his church and of this body. He was widely known and greatly beloved, and his death is a public loss.

Respectfully submitted,

J P. FAISON,
E. W. FARRIER,
A. B. MALLARD,
Committee.

Committee on Periodicals submitted report. It was adopted. Remarks by Elder N. B. Cobb in behalf of the *Biblical Recorder*,

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We report that a wider circulation among us of the *Biblical Recorder*, an able exponent and defender of our faith, and the *Foreign Mission Journal*, filled with tidings from our mission fields, is an imperative necesssty to the successful prosecution of the work entrusted to us by our Divine Master. It is a humiliating fact that not even one copy of the *Recorder* reaches the membership of some of our churches. As to the *Foreign Mission Journal*, but few copies are taken among us, and many brethren do not know that such a paper is published. How can brethren feel much interest in that about which they have little or no information? We do earnestly recommend that the pastors and brethren who take the foregoing papers, and know something of them, will make greater efforts for their wider circulation. Then would follow, all along our lines, marks of advancement in Christian work, a surprising development of the grace of giving, and a better material and moral support to our pastors, missionaries and other Christian workers. We recommend to all our churches *Kind Words*, the excellent Sunday School paper published by Elder Boykin.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN T. ALLRITTON
N. B. COBB,
G. S. BEST,
Committee.

The following report is from the Finance Committee:

CHURCHES.	Itinerancy.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Sunday Schools.	Minute Fund.
Wilmington, First	$					$ 4 00
Wilmington, Second	5 00					
Riley's Creek				$ 2 10		2 00
Long Creek	2 25					1 00
Moore's Creek	7 71		$ 7 74		75	1 50
Bethlehem	4 00		7 35	4 00		1 50
Haw Bluff	4 00	$ 2 00	5 00	2 00		2 00
Lisbon			7 53			55
Boykin's Chapel			50	10 00		2 50
Canetuck			3 85	2 50		2 25
Shiloh	5 00		3 81			1 50
Rowan						1 00
Piney Grove, Sampson	11 86					2 00
Canaan	5 00		5 00			1 00
Fremont	3 00					1 00
Bear Marsh	5 50		1 00			1 85
Mary's Chapel	2 50					1 00
Warsaw	15 00		9 00			1 35
Johnson's	11 30		8 25	3 65		1 80
Kenansville	5 00		50			95
Magnolia	5 00		4 95			2 00
Concord	9 71					
Corinth	5 00					
Berea			1 30			1 50
Dobson's Chapel	2 45					1 10
Island Creek	5 80					2 00
Hallsville	1 35					1 50
Rose Hill						75
Union Chapel	1 00					50
Capernaum						40
Morehead City						50
Salem						50
Bethel	3 00		2 00			1 65
Woodville						1 00
Goldsboro	10 00					3 00
Newbern	10 00					3 00
Meadow Bridge	2 00					1 00
Masonboro	5 00					1 50
New Hope	2 50					1 50
Poplar Grove						1 25
Richlands						1 15
Mt. Gilead	5 00					90
Olive Branch	3 50					50
Beulah				2 50		75
Falling Creek	5 00					1 20
Clinton						1 50
Mount Olive	12 49		5 51			1 00
Mt. Holly			1 40			1 05
Peneil	6 50					25

REPORT ON FINANCE—*Continued.*

CHURCHES.	Itineracy.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Sunday Schools.	Minute Fund.
Kinston..... Ministerial Education $6.57	$ 6 57	$ 6 57	$ 6 57	$ 6 57	$ 6 57	$ 2 00
Clinton, pledge.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
From Clerk of Association, collected at Association.....	.....	.....	18 42	.....	.....	.....
Well's Chapel.....	11 00	.....	2 87	.....	.....	1 50
Totals.....	$210 07	8 57	$87 97	$33 22	$ 7 32	$66 20

J. M. MOSELEY,
S. M. CARLTON,
N. WEEKS,
Finance Committee.

NOTE.—The letter from Mount Calvary church came into the Clerk's hands after the meeting of the Association, so its amounts of contributions could not be given in the Finance Committee's report. The amounts are as follows: Associational Missions, $3.50; Foreign Missions, $5 00; Minute Fund, 85 cents. Total, $9.35. The church sent $3 65 last March to the Treasurer of the Baptist State Convention for Foreign Missions. The amounts will be applied as directed and duly accounted for.

The committee to nominate a Sunday School Board presented the following names, which report was confirmed.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

Elders W. M. Kennedy, J. L. Britt, Brethren Jesse T. Albritton, J. D. Roberts, S. M. Carlton.

On motion, it was resolved that the Sunday School Board and its Missionary be authorized to collect funds for their work during the year, and report all the amounts to the next session of the Association.

On motion, the Clerk was directed to draw on the Treasurer for the amount necessary to pay for printing and distributing the Minutes, and for his own allowance, and the Treasurer was ordered to give up the remaining part of the Minute Fund to the Executive Committee. The Clerk was ordered to have 1,250 copies of the Minutes printed for distribution, and was allowed $15.00 for his services.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are tendered Bethel church and

community, for the kind entertainment to delegates and visitors; also to such railroad conpanies as passed delegates and visitors at reduced fares.

The following resolution, offered by Elder Faulkner, was adopted:

Resolved, That the Clerk be instructed to report, from the statements in the letters, and voucher, all the amounts contributed by our churches, during the year, to the various objects of benevolence.

Resolved, That a financial table be inserted in the minutes for such purpose.

No more business being presented, the Association adjourned to meet with the Magnolia church, Duplin county, Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1881. After a hymn was sung, and the parting hand given, the benediction was pronounced by the Moderator, and so closed another pleasant session of the Eastern Baptist Association.

J. L. STEWART,
Moderator.

V. N. SEAWELL,
Clerk.

THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The Clerk finds himself unable to make up the financial table required by Elder Faulkner's resolution, there being but few statements of such contributions during the year. The reports of the Finance Committee and Association, give accounts of all funds sent, so it is unnecessary to state them again. Money is collected all the year for various objects, but no account of it is ever sent to the Association, so due credit is not given for what is done by our Churches. Clerks of churches are requested to hereafter keep records of all contributions during the year, and state them in letters to the Association, so we can report what has been done.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	When Constituted.	Additions.				Diminutions.			Membership.				TIME OF MEETING.
		Baptized.	By Letter.	Experience.	Resto'ed.	By Letter.	Exclud'd	Died.	White Males.	White Females.	Colored.	Total.	
Wilmington, First	.....	40	16	.....	4	11	8	7	119	245	...	364	Twice every Sunday.
Masonboro	.....	5	4	.....	.....	10	2	5	65	92	3	160	Fourth Sunday.
Olive Branch	1880	10	8	.....	.....	.....	... ..	.....	.....	.....	...	18	Third Sunday.
Meadow Bridge	1878	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	5	6	...	11	Second Sunday.
Mount Holly	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.... .	.....	.....	38	91	3	132	First Sunday.
Riley's Creek	.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....	1	2	35	65	...	100	Third Sunday.
Moore's Creek	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	1	47	74	...	121	Fourth Sunday.
Long Creek	1871	4	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	2	42	60	...	102	First Sunday.
Shiloh	1853	7	1	.....	1	7	1	10	49	146	...	195	Third Sunday.
Canetuck Chapel	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	31	37	...	68	Fourth Sunday.
Bethlehem	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	1	1	38	82	...	120	Second Sunday,
Haw Bluff	1859	.....	4	.....	.....	3	2	1	46	76	...	122	Third Sunday.
Well's Chapel	1751	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	1	66	114	...	180	Second Sunday.
Bethel	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	17	41	...	58	Fourth Sunday.
Lisbon	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	3	.....	2	44	59	...	103	First Sunday,
New Hope	.....	6	.....	.....	1	4	8	2	73	118	...	191	Second Sunday.
Mount Gilead	.....	13	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	38	85	...	123	Fourth Sunday.
Boykin's Chapel	1846	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	1	52	96	...	148	....
Clinton	1855	2	.....	.....	.....	1	1	1	18	45	...	63	Third Sunday.
Beulah	1814	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	1	1	21	32	...	53	First Sunday.
Poplar Grove	1880	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	17	...	28	....
Piney Grove (Sampson)	1846	11	1	1	.....	20	1	2	66	124	11	201	Second Sunday.
Canaan	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	26	8	33	Fourth Sunday.
Falling Creek	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	10	32	...	42	Second Sunday.
Mt. Calvary	1875	1	.....	.....	2	1	1	.....	9	12	...	21	2nd Sunday Evening.

Fremont	1875	1	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	11	...	19	First Sunday.
Goldsboro	.....	2	7	.....	.....	9	12	1	55	111	...	166	Twice every Sunday.
Mt. Olive	1869	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	4	2	35	66	...	110	Fourth Sunday.
Bear Marsh	1763	16	3	.....	.....	4	2	2	48	124	...	172	Third Sunday.
Mary's Chapel	1875	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21	27	...	48	Second Sunday.
Johnson's	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	3	2	1	37	85	16	136	First Sunday.
Kenansville	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	1	16	44	...	60	Second Sunday.
Warsaw	1855	.....	10	.....	1	5	9	2	107	157	...	264	2nd and 3d Sundays.
Magnolia	.....	15	5	.....	.....	2	2	3	78	130	...	208	Fourth Sunday.
Concord	1825	.....	2	.....	.....	3	3	1	28	55	18	110	First Sunday.
Corinth	1850	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28	46	...	74	....
Berea	1844	23	7	.....	1	1	1	1	32	61	1	94	Third Sunday.
Island Creek	1803	12	.....	.....	.....	3	2	.....	57	115	...	172	First Sunday.
Dobson's Chapel	1867	.....	.....	.....	2	1	2	.....	15	28	...	43	First Sunday.
Hallsville	1807	1	.....	.....	.....	7	7	1	41	85	...	126	Fourth Sunday.
Union Chapel	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	.....	1	7	30	...	37	Fourth Sunday.
Richland's	1880	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	17	...	21	1st and 4th Sundays.
Peneil	1880	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	4	4	...	12	....
Rose Hill	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	6	10	...	14	Third Sunday,
Salem	1877	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	7	12	...	18	First Sunday.
Enon*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	2	.....	17	28	...	43	Second Sunday.
Piney Grove* (Onslow)	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	25	34	..	59	First Sunday.
Capernaum	1876	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	12	21	...	33	Fourth Sunday.
Piney Grove* (Jones)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	33	49	...	82	....
Trenton*	1870	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	20	...	26	....
Union*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	20	...	23	No preaching.
LaGrange	.....	3	2	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	21	47	...	68	Fourth Sunday.
Kinston	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	1	23	41	...	64	Every Sunday.
Newbern	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	4	39	105	...	144	Every Sunday.
Morehead City	1873	.....	10	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	13	31	...	44	Third Sunday.
Woodville	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	5	.....	14	23	...	37	Fourth Sunday.
Beaufort	.....	10	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	41	53	...	94	....
Smyrna	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24	59	...	83	....
*Taken from last year's Minutes.		211	91	2	24	108	90	54	2840	3485	80	6405	

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	Number of Teachers.	Number of Pupils.	Volumes in Librar
Wilmington, First	W. A. French	26	218	400
Olive Branch	W. H. Sweeden	3	16	.....
Masonboro	E. Hewlett	65	65	50
Meadow Bridge	James Andrews	6	30	100
Mt. Holly	Isaiah Carroll	5	38	.....
Riley's Creek	W. W. Larkins	7	40	50
Long Creek	Mrs. M. E. Herring	3	25	.....
Moore's Creek	J. L. Johnson	6	50	50
Canetuck Chapel	T. O. Flinn	7	40	135
Bethlehem	D. P. Bland,	6	60	66
Shiloh	H. A. Bland	6	90	200
Haw Bluff	W. F. Brown	4	40	.....
Well's Chapel	L. R. Highsmith	9	100	150
Lisbon	C. H. Bronson	7	40	20
New Hope	L R. Carroll	7	60	.....
Mt. Gilead	John J. Vann	10	92	.....
Boykin's Chapel	J L. Boykin	8	80	30
Clinton	Union School	.....	.....	.....
Poplar Grove	R. R. Bell	.....	.....	.....
Piney Grove, Sampson	J. C. Hobbs	5	25	.....
Canaan	James Ingram	6	50	.....
Falling Creek	J. R. Hood, Jr	9	54	.....
Mt. Calvary	A. M. Prince	4	26	.....
Fremont	Thomas Clark	4	63	.....
Goldsboro	J. E. Peterson	13	100	.....
Mount Olive	J. F. Oliver	13	79	.....
Bear Marsh	Holds at different places	.....	.....	.....
Mary's Chapel	T. H. Rogers	5	25	.....
Johnson's	O. P. Middleton	10	50	.....
Warsaw	S. M. Carlton	6	75	.....
Magnolia	J. W. Swinson	9	50	.....
Concord	L. W. Robinson	4	40	.....
Corinth	J. T. Wilkins	6	50	20
Berea	V. N. Seawell	7	50	125
Island Creek	C. Harrell a	10	48	50
Hallsville	Union School	4	31	.....
Kinston	R. H. Lewis	8	42	.....
Newbern	C. C. Clark	23	113	560
Woodville	Edward Simpson	5	25	.....

PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND POST-OFFICES.	CLERKS AND POST-OFFICES.
NEW HONOVER COUNTY		
Wilmington, First	J. B. Taylor, Wilmington	J. W. Collins Wilmington
Masonboro	A. A. Edwards, Cardova	G. W. Hewlett, Wilmington
Olive Branch	J. J. Beasley, Wilmington	D. H. Workman, "
PENDER COUNTY.		
Meadow Bridge	A. B. Alderman Jacks'nv'le	R. M. Sidbury, Sloop Point
Mt. Holly	C. C. Newton, Herringsville	Isa Carroll, So. Washington
Riley's Creek	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia.	W. W Larkins, Long Creek
Long Creek	J. B. Barlow, Wilmington	J. H. Brinson, " "
Moore's Creek	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store	G. W. Woodcock, Pt Caswell
Canetuck Chapel	W. H. Howard, Pt. Caswell.	D. J. Corbett, Natmore
Bethlehem	J P. Faison, Harrell's Store	B. F. Keith, Sr., Still Bluff
Shiloh	C. C. Newton, Herringsville	H. A. Bland, Moore's Creek
BLADEN COUNTY.		
Haw Bluff	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store	J. F. Croom, Point Caswell
SAMPSON COUNTY.		
Well's Chapel	C. C. Newton, Herringsville	L. R. Highsmith, Harrell's S
Lisbon	J. L. Stewart, Clinton	R. Herring, Herringsville
Bethel	C. C Newton, Herringsville	M. H. Oates, Taylor's Bridge
New Hope	H. S. Spivey, Clinton	J. L. Carroll, Six Runs
Mt. Gilead	J. L. Stewart, Clinton	John J. Vann, Clinton
Clinton	" " "	C. P. Johnson, "
Beulah	J. L. Britt, Warsaw	John T. Moore, Warsaw
Poplar Grove		W. D. Stevens, Faison
Piney Grove	J. L. Stewart, Clinton	J. W. Lane, "
Canaan	Jno. T. Albritton, Mt. Olive	R. T. Carr, Newton Grove
WAYNE COUNTY.		
Falling Creek	" " "	M. E. Britt, Grantham's Str
Mt. Calvary	" " "	R. A. Parker, Brogden's Mill
Fremont	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia	G. W. Merritt, Fremont
Goldsboro	F. H. Ivey, Goldsboro	J. M. Hollowell, Goldsboro
Mt. Olive	J. N. Stallings, Warsaw	A. S. Davis, Mt. Olive
DUPLIN COUNTY.		
Bear Marsh	J. L. Britt, Warsaw	B. J. Millard, Mt. Olive
Mary's Chapel	G. S. Best, Kenansville	F. M. Southerland, K'nville
Johnson's	H. S. Spivey, Clinton	O. P. Middleton, Magnolia
Kenansville	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia.	D. J. Middleton, Warsaw
Magnolia	" " "	G. W. Carroll, Magnolia
Concord	G. W. Hufham, Warsaw	L. R. Matthews, Rose Hill
Corinth	No Pastor	Ira J. Johnson, "
Berea	J. B. Barlow, Wilmington	V. N. Seawell, Wallace
Island Creek	G. S. Best, Kenansville	H. T. Savage, "
Dobson's Chapel	" " "	T. Kilpatrick, Hallsville
Hallsville	" " "	J. D. Brown, "
ONSLOW COUNTY.		
Richlands	E. A. Best, Richlands	H. Marshburn, Richland's
Union Chapel	A. B. Alderman, Jacksonv'le	Jno. Marshburn Cath. Lake
Peniel	D. F. Aman, Jacksonville	S. M. Clouts
Rose Hill	A. B. Alderman, "	D. N. Page, Tar Landing
Salem	" " "	G. A. Newby, Beaufort
Capernaum	No Pastor	J. R. White, Maysville
LENOIR COUNTY.		
Kinston	J. K Faulkner, Kinston	James F. Hill, Kinston
CRAVEN COUNTY.		
Newbern	F. W. Eason, Newbern	F. W. Hancock, Newbern
CARTERET COUNTY.		
Morehead City	T. J. Leary, Beaufort	J. T. Eaton, Hollywood
Woodville	" " "	Edward Simpson, Beaufort
Davis' Shore	" " "	
Smyrna	" " "	

CHURCH COVENANT.

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now in the presence of God, angels and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Ghost, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church, in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, back-biting and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the Kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling, and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offence, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Saviour, to secure it without delay.

We, moreover, engage that when we remove from this place, we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this Covenant, and the principles of God's word.

Constitution of the Eastern Baptist Association.

ARTICLE 1—This Association shall be denominated and known as the EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

ART. 2—The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ART. 3—This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates, who shall be members of that church.

ART. 4—The delegates from each church shall bear a letter, certifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the state of the church; *Provided, however* That when any church has prepared a letter and through inadvertence the letter fails to be presented, her delegates may be received without its presentation.

ART. 5—The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen from among its members by ballot, by a majority of the members voting, and continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6—It shall be the duty of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint committees, decide all

questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7—It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, and superintend their printing and distribution among the churches.

ART. 8—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

ART. 9—The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee of seven members, which committee shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and Colportage. They shall have the power to disburse all sums paid by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and during intervals between the meetings of this body to receive and disburse funds for those objects, and to take such steps for their advancement as they shall deem advisable, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings.

ART. 10—The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of her churches which neglect to preserve gospel order.

ART. 11—The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats and extend to them all the privileges of the body, except that of voting.

ART. 12—the annual session of this Association shall commence on Tuesday after the first Lord's day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

ART. 13—By appointment of the Association, there shall be an Introductory Sermon of a denominational character, and a Missionary Sermon.

ART. 14—This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

Rules of Order.

1.—On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence a chairman *pro tem* shall be elected.

2.—Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.

3. —At each daily session, and previous to proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous daily session read.

4.—The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.

5.—Any member wishing to speak shall arise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.

6.—No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.

7.—All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer before discussion.

8.—No motion shall be withdrawn after its discussion.

9.—When a question is under discussion, no motion or proposition shall be received, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

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10.—After a motion is decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11.—No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the presiding officer, and no one shall take final leave of absence without the permission of the Association, and if any shall so do, their absence shall be noted in the minutes.

12.—All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13.—The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to consideration.

14.—The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a majority of votes.

Rules of Decorum for the Churches.

1.—We will hold at least four Conference meetings in the year for the transaction of business, also special meetings whenever requisite.

2.—The names of the members shall be called at every regular meeting, and there shall be due notice taken of the absence of those who discover a disposition to absent themselves.

3.—At every Conference, the pastor, in his right of office, shall preside as Moderator, and in case of his absence, the Conference shall appoint a Moderator *pro tem*, who shall open Conference by devotional exercises.

4.—The Clerk shall keep a church book, in which all the proceedings of the Conference shall be faithfully transcribed, and at every regular meeting the minutes of the preceding meeting shall be read immediately after the names are called.

5.—An invitation will be given to brethren of our faith and order to sit with us in Conference, who shall enjoy all the privileges of the meeting except that of voting.

6.—Every subject for the consideration of the Conference shall be introduced by a motion, which, when seconded, shall be debated and acted upon, unless withdrawn by the mover.

7.—Every speaker shall rise and address the Moderator by the appellation of brother, and shall confine his remarks to the subject under debate and shall not be allowed to speak more than twice on one subject unless by permission of the Church.

8.—No member shall withdraw from the Conference without the permission of the Moderator.

9.—It shall be required that in matters of difference between members, before complaint is made to the Church, the aggrieved party shall have attended to the instructions of the Lord, Matt. 18th chapter, 16th, 17th and 18th verses, and public offences or such as operate against the peace of the Church, shall be the subject of discipline.

10.—All questions submitted to the Conference shall be decided by a majority of votes, except receiving members to fellowship; and any question may be reconsidered upon the motion of any one who may vote in the affirmative.

11.—The Moderator shall propound all questions for vote—shall keep the speakers to the subject under debate—may express his own views, after others are done speaking, and see that these rules are faithfully observed.

12.—These Rules of Decorum may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the whole Church.

Resolved, That this Association recommend the adoption of the foregoing rules to all the Churches that comprise this body.